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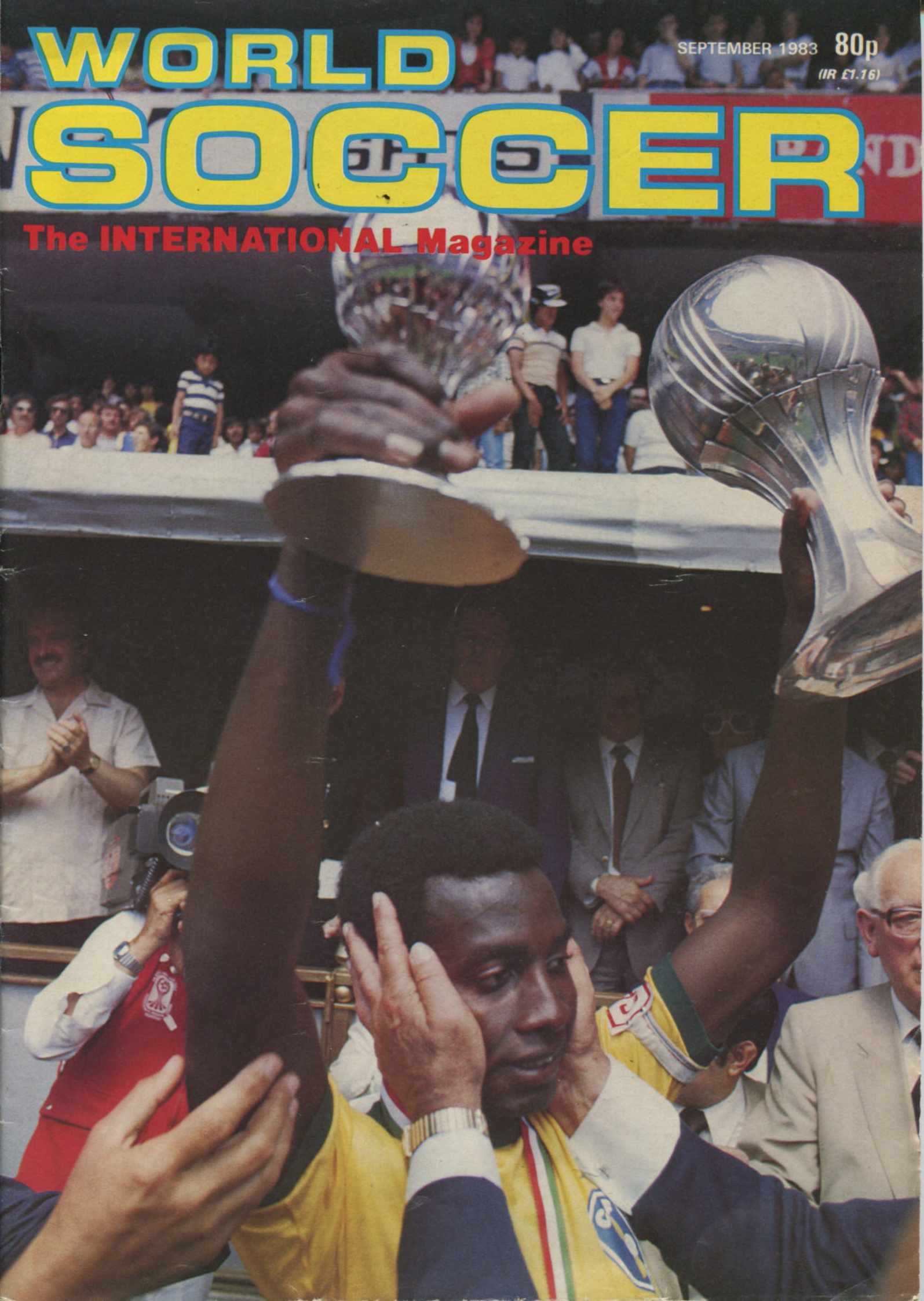

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HUNGARY SET TO GO PROFESSIONAL

IN THE wake of one of the most long-drawn-out domestic match-fixing sagas, Hungarian football is poised to go professional.

This move will, if an announcement from the National Office for Physical Education and Sports is to be believed, drive a long nail into the Eastern European ideology of 'state amateurism'.

In the past, clubs not only in Hungary but throughout the Eastern bloc (with the exception in recent years of Yugoslavia), have been funded by parent sports organisations, by factories, the military and government subsidy.

Now, in Hungary at least, that is to end.

From January 1, 1984, football clubs will be hived off from other sports sections in their parent organisations and will have to stand or fall by their own financial acumen.

That is, they will have to be self-supporting with income from gate receipts, programmes and other publications, television rights, contributions from supporters' clubs and proceeds from foreign tours.

Hungarian football is to take a leaf out of the capitalist book.

First and second division clubs will be allowed to employ a maximum of 20 players each.

The players will be on an average basic monthly pay packet of 5,250 forints (about £80), as will between five and eight full-time club employees.

The only items which the parent sports (or other) organisations will go on paying will be for kit and travel costs.

This revolution comes less than two weeks after the federation announced it had suspended the usual system for paying end-of-season bonuses to players and clubs and intended to put the cash towards youth coaching.

Such drastic action followed a bribes scandal which has led to the suspension of around 260 players, referees and other officials for alleged involvement in an £80,000 pools swindle.

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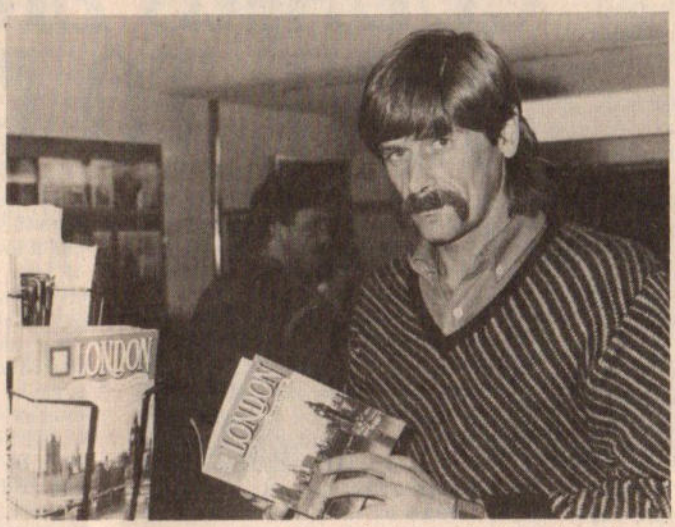
TWO goals from England skipper Bryan Robson gave Manchester United a 2-0 victory over Liverpool in the Charity Shield at Wembley.

Robson scored once in each half as the FA Cup holders overcame a shakey start to convincingly beat the League Champions before a crowd of 92,000.

Liverpool included new signing Michael Robinson from Brighton but after surviving some early pressure Manchester United were always in control.



Ferenc Meszaros . . . a Hungarian star who has already turned professional — in Portugal. He's now with Portimonense.

Triumphant Brazilians

COVER PICTURE . . . Brazil's jubilant youngsters parade the World Youth Cup after their recent victory in the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City.

But theirs wasn't the only major Brazilian success this summer. Gremio of Porto Alegre became the first Brazilian club to win the Libertadores since Cruzeiro in 1976, thanks to their victory over reigning world club champions, Penarol.

The Uruguayans were held 1-1 at home in the first leg in Montevideo then lost 2-1 in Porto Alegre. Ironically Gremio's captain and star is centre-back Hugo De Leon . . . a Uruguayan.

Full Libertadores final report next month.

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THE English Football Association have angered their British colleagues by calling a halt to the Home International Championship.

While matches against Scotland will continue on an annual basis, the games with Wales and Northern Ireland will not.

Both the Irish and Welsh condemned the move by the FA to scrap a championship that has lasted for over 100 years.

The Government is also being asked to act in a bid to make the FA change their minds.

The Welsh and Irish depend on their matches against England for vital revenue.

Artemio Franchi . . .

WORLD football, not known for the vast resources of wisdom of all of its leaders, suffered a sad loss with the death in a car crash on August 12 of Artemio Franchi, for ten years president of UEFA and a vice-president of FIFA. Franchi, who was 61 and a former president of the Italian federation, died after a road accident near Siena. In addition to his two major posts in world football's hierarchy he was a member of the FIFA executive committee; president of FIFA's finance committee; a senior member of the 1986 World Cup organising council; and president of the FIFA referees' commission.

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Zico—an instant success

ZICO, the Brazilian World Cup star, lost no time making a big impression on his new fans with unfashionable Italian club Udinese after his £2.5 million transfer from Flamengo.

On his debut in a pre-season friendly, the Brazilian scored a brilliant individual goal in a 3-1 victory over the Yugoslav club, Hajduk Split.

Then he followed up by inspiring Udinese's victory in a four-team tournament hastily put together to take advantage of the club's new attraction.

In the semi-finals Udinese beat Real Madrid 2-1 thanks to second-half goals from Zico and Franco Causio, after Madrid had led at half-time thanks to an effort from Carlos Santillana.

In the final Udinese beat Zico's fellow Brazilians, of Vasco da Gama, easily by 3-0. In the third-place match, Madrid fielding a team made up mostly of reserves, lost 2-1 to Eintracht Frankfurt.

The Germans had gone down 2-1 to Vasco da Gama in the semi-finals.

But while Udinese were celebrating the arrival of their new Brazilian, Italian champions Roma weren't so happy. The club's reluctant generosity in allowing Paolo Roberto Falcao and new man Toninho Cerezo to make a late return for pre-season training, backfired.

In a tournament in Berne, Switzerland, Roma lost 5-0 to Grasshoppers and had forward Chierico sent off, then went down 3-2 in the third-place match against Young Boys.

A friendly (so-called) followed against Servette in Geneva and again Roma crashed – this time by 3-1.

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AMATEUR BODY CLEARS ZICO MOVE TO ITALY

By Keir Radnedge and Jan-Hermen De Bruijn

THE MOST ironic feature of the controversy surrounding the transfers to Italy of Brazil's Zico and Toninho Cerezo was the nature of the body which came up with the solution.

This most tangled of questions created by the most professionally-influenced of sports, was answered by an inquiry commission set up by the Italian Olympic Committee . . . of necessity, of course, amateurs.

That the two transfers went through in the end was only just.

It's still hard to believe that Italian federation president Federico Sordillo acted as he did when Zico was on the brink of leaving Flamengo for Udinese, and when Toninho Cerezo was poised to sign for Italian champions Roma.

Panicked, presumably, by the money and the issues at stake, Sordillo suddenly brought forward by a fortnight the transfer deadline for signing foreign players.

Why? Sordillo claimed it was in the interests of Italian football; that mysterious financial interests were at work.

It has been suggested that Sordillo was being pushed by powerful men in the club world who didn't fancy seeing Zico — coveted by all the major clubs — going to unfashionable Udinese.

The Italian transfer market is complicated enough anyway. It consists of a six-week summer period in which the clubs wheel and deal in transfers, player loans and other assorted packages. But this summer there was the added complication of an extension to allow the promoted second division clubs (whose season finished later than the first division) to join the dealing.

It was into this maelstroem that Sordillo jumped. The Zico deal was being wrongly financed, he alleged, and Cerezo had signed too late to beat the deadline. Half-a-dozen other would-be imports had to wait nearly a fortnight, too, before their transfer clearances were accepted.

The rights and wrongs of the Cerezo case were clear. He had put his signature on the dotted line which would carry him to Roma from Atletico Mineiro a matter of hours too late.

But the Zico case was complex. First, much of the down-payment on the £2.5 million deal came not from Udinese, but from the Italian-based electrodomestics multinational, Zanussi. The link was Udinese president, Lamberto Mazza, a Zanussi director.

An immediate outcry by local politicians was inevitable, given the size of the fee. But what made it even more controversial was the fact that Zanussi were about to make 4,500 local employees redundant!

Responsibility for paying the cash to Flamengo was granted to a London-based financial organisation known as Grouping Ltd. The plan was for them to raise the money by marketing and promotions work with Zico.

But such third-party involvements are beyond the rules of the Italian federation. And that was the 'crime' as far as Sordillo was concerned.

Udinese fans took the rejection of their would-be superstar badly. There were protest meetings, protest marches, and pressure exerted at local and national government level. Even President Pertini, the Italian head of state, joined the argument — on Udinese's side.

Roma and Udinese threatened to take their protests to court and, under pressure, the federation agreed to let the Olympic commission — supreme body for sport in Italy — judge and decide.

For virtually a week beforehand the Italian press was full of reports that the result was a foregone conclusion; that Zico and Cerezo would be cleared to come and play. And that is exactly what happened — though Udinese and Roma had to furnish further evidence to satisfy legal requirements on the method of financing their transfers.

But famous as these players are, they represent merely the tip of a Brazilian iceberg. They are not alone in Italy. Midfielders Dieceu and Falcao were already there (Dirceu moving from Verona to Napoli) while Joao Batista has moved from Palmeiraw to Lazio.

Vasio left-back Pedrinho and the promising youth international forward Luvanor (Goias) have joined Catania, with Genoa signing striker Eloi. Other Brazilians, such as forward Juary and centre-back Edinho, were also already in residence.

No wonder Brazil manager Carlos Alberto Parreira complained: "We can say goodbye to the 1986 World Cup already, now the youngsters are going to Europe too."

But Brazil don't have the South American monopoly on transfers to Europe. The lemmings are fleeing Argentina too, where the game has hit financial rock-bottom.

If you think that new national boss Carlos Salvador Bilardo has gone over the top in ringing the changes lately then it should be pointed out that he has had no option.

The rot set in after the World Cup a year ago. Diego Maradona, Juan Barbas, Ramon Diaz and Daniel Passarella hurried off to Barcelona, Zaragoza Napoli and Fiorentina. This year their examples were readily copied.

Alberto Tarantini has left River Plate for Bastia; Gabriel Calderon has left Independiente, one of the finest current Argentine sides, for Betis of Seville; the full-back, Juan Simon, has moved from Newell's Old Boys to Monaco. There has even been talk that goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol, locked in yet another contract row with River Plate, may finish up with French champions, Nantes.

Italy and Spain remain the Mecca for foreign footballers seeking fortune to gild the fame won at home. But it doesn't always work out that they live and play happily ever after.

For two examples, take a look at Anderlecht. Belgium's UEFA Cup holders needed to quickly rebuild their midfield after witnessing the departures, in quick succession, of Ludo Coeck for Inter-Milan, and Spanish-born Juan Lozano for Real Madrid.

Anderlecht general manager Michel Verschueren has replaced them with big names in Rene Vandereycken and Frank Arnesen. But will they stand the pace? Both have been out of football for more than a year because of knee injuries and have been virtually given away by their respective clubs, Genoa and Valencia.

For them the southern European lure proved a fallacy and they moved back towards the slightly more sane world of football in northern Europe. Arnesen, once of Ajax, is of course Danish but Vandereycken is Belgian, and another Belgian coming home is Francois Van der Elst.

After almost four years wandering from Anderlecht, to New York Cosmos, to West Ham, he's returned home to Lokeren. Theo Custers, the World Cup goalkeeper ousted at Espanol by Cameroon's Thomas N'Kono, is back in Belgium, too, with Mechelen.

Antwerp have taken the Eastern European option with Hungary's Josef Poczik and Yugoslavia's Vladimir Petrovic, but champions Standard Liege have looked towards West Germany for their main reinforcement: Horst Hrubesch, the 'Monster' centre-forward who captained Hamburg to their Champions' Cup triumph in May. Hrubesch will continue to live in West Germany, and commute across the border to play for Standard.

The policy of bringing players home is being keenly followed in Austria. Rapid Vienna have landed Max Hagmayr (from Karlsruhe) while F K Austria, pipped by Rapid to the league title on goal difference, signed Herbert Prohaska from Roma.

Three years ago he left FK Austria for Internazionale of Milan. But after moving to Roma a year ago he is now surplus to their requirements following approval of the Cerezo deal.

F K Austria certainly need someone in midfield, now Felix Gasselich has gone to Ajax Amsterdam, where one of the most testing tasks of his career will be to try to make amends for the departure to Feyenoord of Johan Cruyff.

Ajax have also lost veteran goalkeeper and footballer of the year Piet Schrijvers to Pec Zwolle, who hope to forge their way up from the relegation fringes next season thanks not only to Schrijvers at the back, but Johnny Rep up front.

Rep, scorer at Ajax's 1973 Champions' Cup final winner against Juventus, has returned from spells abroad with Valencia, Bastia and Saint-Etienne, with the French taxman apparently hard on his heels!

Also back in Holland is Arie Haan, another one-time Ajax European hero. In his case the road back from Standard Liege has taken him to PSV Eindhoven, who have further strengthened their midfield by recalling Michel Valke from his loan to Feyenoord.

Mention of France brings me to one of the

most prolific of the summer transfer markets. The French acted quickly because their league programme had to get under way in the second-half of July and the various clubs presidents and general managers set about their work with a clarity and commonsense which put the Italians to shame.

The adventurous Corsican club, Bastia, signed Tarantini and the veteran Spain midfielder Daniel Solsona, while Bordeaux made their now-traditional big splash again — in this case signing long-time Nantes defender Thierry Tusseau and Saint-Etienne's Patrick Battiston. Saint-Etienne, in their turn, have mostly been shifting players to raise much-needed cash.

Young forward Paganelli and Laurent Roussey have both gone, to be replaced by the temperamental — and cut-price — Paraguayan Carlos Diarte from Sevilla, as well as Poland's Janusz Kupcewicz.

He was a key figure in Lech Poznan's Polish league title win last season and they will miss him as much as Widzew Lodz will miss Tlokinski and Surlit, two of their leading scorers over the last few years.

But the most intriguing feature of the French market has been the number of international goalkeepers on the move — including Pierrick Hiard, Bergeroo and Tempet.

Not much to note in Portugal, where Benfica and Sporting Lisbon have been trying to decide which of a clutch of second-class Brazilians they should sign. And the market in Spain has been reasonably slow as well.

Real Madrid's £1 million capture of Lozano was the biggest deal in a summer where the majority of moves appeared to be domestic ones — young players moving up to the first division from club's affiliated second or third division sides.

Real Madrid 'feed' on Castilla, Barcelona on Barcelona Atletico, Real Sociedad on Sanse, Bilbao on Bilbao Atletico, and so on. It's a system with no equal anywhere.

Elsewhere in Europe Servette brought Umberto Barberis back from Monaco to replace Toulouse-bound Lucien Favre and Sweden saw several young hopefuls disappear in midterm — the most notable being striker Dan Corneliusson, who has gone to Stuttgart in West Germany. Bayern Munich have also looked north to replace Paul Breitner and come up with Denmark's Soren Lerby from Ajax.

But it's in Yugoslavia that possibly one of the most fascinating moves has taken place. Mitar Mrkela, still only 18, has left OFK Belgrade for Red Star. A World Cup possible last year and an international already, just how good will he be?

EUROPEAN SIGNINGS, SUMMER '83

* *International transfers and those of particular domestic importance in bold type.*

AUSTRIA

ADMIRA WACKER VIENNA: Bartosch (Aus. Salzburg).
AUSTRIA SALZBURG: Hoffmann (Rapid), Koreimann (Innsbrück).
EISENSTADT: Horvath (Admira).
FavAC: Martinez, Fortunato (both Las Palmas), Marcelo (Racing Paris 1).
F K AUSTRIA: Magyar (Brugge, previously only on loan), **Nyilasi** (Ferencvaros), **Prohaska** (Roma).
GRAZER A K: Gregoritsch (Vöest Linz).
KLAGENFURT: **Keketi** (Spartak Trnava, Cz).
LINZER A S K: Wohlfarth, Fürst (both FK Austria).

Luther Blissett pays a last visit to Watford's Vicarage Road before flying out to Italy the next day to begin work with Milan.

RAPID VIENNA: **Brauneder** (Wiener SK), Stadler (Aus. Salzburg), **Hagmayr** (Karlsruhe).
SPORTKLUB WIEN: Werner (Simmering).
S S W INNSBRÜCK: **Hovenkamp** (AZ'67 Alkmaar), **Welzl** (Valencia, prov.).
STURM GRAZ: **Szokolai** (Ferencvaros).
WELS: Vidovic (Sarajevo).
VIENNA: Radimec (F K Austria).

BELGIUM

ANDERLECHT: **Gudjohnsen** (Lokeren), D. Goossens (Beerschot), **R. Vandereycken** (Genoa), **Arnesen** (Valencia).
ANTWERP: **Poczik** (Raba ETO Gyoer), **Petrovic** (Arsenal), T. Goossens (Anderlecht), Lecloux (Gent).
BEERSCHOT: P. Claessens, P. de Ruyler (all Berchem Sport), Ruiter (PWD Molenbeek), Sciasia (Standard), Berloo Van Der Zwan (Anderlecht).
BERINGEN: Collas (Tongeren), Knaufhurst (Leverkusen), Schoofs (Beveren), Fagot (Osnabrück).
BEVEREN: Put (Diepenbeek).
CERCLE BRUGES: Saelens (SC Beernem), Verheecke (PWD).
CLUB BRUGGE: Carbo (Utrecht), Broos (Anderlecht), Verheyen (Lokeren), Bayens (Tongeren).
A.A. GENT: Van Looy (Anderlecht), Pirelli (Kortrijk), De Wolf (PWD).
KORTRIJK: Jol (Berchen).
LIERSE: Postuna (Berchen), Weihrauch (Beveren).
LOKEREN: Vujkov (Vojvodina), T. Peeters (Berchem Sport), **Bett** (Rangers), **Van der Elst** (West Ham).
LIEGE; Hamilton (La Louviere), Lindsted (Winterslay), Machiels (Seraing).
MECHELEN: **Custers** (Espanol), B. Cluytens, Billen (both Antwerp), Deferm (Winterslag), Hoste (Tongeren).
R.W.D.M.: Raeven (Roda), van Mierlo (Willem II) Verbruggen (Loheren), Dieltiens (Antwerp).
SERAING: Pombolo (Zaire), Pomini (Kortrijk).
STANDARD LIEGE: **Hrubesch** (Hamburg), Wintacq (FC Liege), Hallers (Metz), Jelikic (Hayduk).
WATERSCHEI: Schoenarts (Rapid Spouwen), Vos (Meerssen), Schlierer (Stuttgart).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

DUKLA PRAHA: Urban (Jablonec).
INTER: Jakubicka (Preson).
R.H. CHEB: Cabala (Dukla), Suanda (Pardubice).
SLAVIA: Kaspar (Kolin), Simunek (Pardubice).
SLOVAN: Bechera (Petrzalka), Herda (Slavia).
TEPLICE: Bicousky (Bohemians), Hanak (Sparta).
TRNAVA: Simo (Trinec).

DENMARK

AGF AARHUS: Zielger (Seraing, Bel).
VEJLE: Thychosen (RWD, Bel).
B 1901: Rasnussen (Anderlecht).

ENGLAND

ARSENAL: **Nicholas** (Celtic), Lukic (Leeds).
ASTON VILLA: McMahon (Everton), Rideout (Swindon).
COVENTRY: Bamber (Blackpool), Adams (Gillingham).
EVERTON: Harper (Liverpool), Steven (Burnley).
IPSWICH: Lems (DS'79).
LEICESTER: Grew (West Bromwich), Banks (Barnsley).
LIVERPOOL: **Gillespie** (Coventry).
LUTON: Sealey (Coventry).
NOTTM FOREST: Hart (Leeds).
SOUTHAMPTON: K. Armstrong (Kilmarnock), Worthington (Sunderland).
STOKE: Dyson (Coventry).
SUNDERLAND: Bracewell (Stoke).
TOTTENHAM: **Thomas** (Coventry), **Stevens** (Brighton).
WEST HAM: Whitton (Coventry).

FINLAND

ROVANIEMI Ps: B. Greenhoff (Rochdale).

FRANCE

BASTIA: **Tarantini** (River Plate), **Solsona**

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(Valencia), **Zinako** (Sochaux), Ferrigno (Tours), Marchioni (Nice).
BORDEAUX: **Tusseau** (Nantes), Zenier (Nancy). **Battiston** (St-Etienne).
STADE BRESTOIS: Chasleria (Angers), Muslin (Lille), Henry (Lille), N'Jo Lea (Besançon), Cardinet (Paris SG), Hely (Sochaux), Gousset (Lille), Steck (Tours).
LAVAL: Godard (Noeux les Mines), Jank (Kickers Stuttgart).
LENS: **Tempet** (Laval), Marsiglia (Lille), **Tlokinski** (Widzew Lodz).
LILLE: **Savic** (Gijon), Bureau (Brest), Ricort (Monaco), Denis (Auxerre), Robin (Besançon), Vandeputte (Caen), Carre (Beaurevoir), Mastrisciano (Besançon), Primorac (Hajduk Split).
METZ: Zappia (Nancy), Barraja (Nice), Pecout (Monaco).
MONACO: Leroux (Brest), **Genghini** (St-Etienne), Benoit (Sochaux), Krause (Laval), **Bravo** (Nice), **Simon** (Rosario Central).
NANCY-LORRAINE: Fabiani (Mulhouse), Zahoui (Ascoli).
NANTES: Buscher (Nice).
NIMES:Bacconnier (Bastia), Gentes (Strasbourg), **Surlit** (Widzew Lodz).
PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN: Hedoire (Lens), **Janvion** (St-Etienne), Abreu (Reims), De Falco (Marseille), Assad (Mulhouse), **Couriol** (Monaco).
RENNES: Marais (Tours), Bezaz (Sochaux), Hiard (Bastia), **Horsmann** (Bayern Munich), Mazur (Zaglebie Sosnowiec), **Stopyra** (Sochaux), Charrier (Angers).
ROUEN: Redon (Daval), Gallou (Lens), Dideaux (Valenciennes).
SAINT-ETIENNE: Bellus (Metz), Sab (Nice), Sanchez (Mulhouse), Diarte (Sevilla), Simondi (Tours), **Kupcewicz** (Lech Poznan).
BOCHAUX: Agerbeck (Nantes), Dreossi (Lille).
STRASBOURG: Gemmrich (Lille), **Krimau** (Metz), Query (Lens), Vitalis (Monaco), Ouatara (Mulhouse).
TOULON: **Onnis** (Tours), Emon (Lyon), Neubert (Nancy), Col (Paris SG), **Paganelli** (St-Etienne), Verstraete (Grenoble), Colombero (Digne), Cassin (Tollini).
TOULOUSE: **Bergeroo** (Lille), Donergue (Lyon), **Favre** (Servette), Lacombe (Tours), **Roussey** (St-Etienne).
RACING PARIS: Larsen-Okland (Bayer Leverkusen).
MULHOUSE: **Kist** (Paris SG), **Six** (Stuttgart).

GREECE

AEK: Ross (Everton), Langley (Crystal Palace).
ARIS SALONIKA: **Eriksson** (Hammarby).
OLYMPIAKOS: **Neumann** (1.FC Köln).

HOLLAND

AJAX: **Ronald Koeman** (FC Groningen), **Gasselich** (F K Austria), Storm (Excelsior).
AZ'67 ALKMAAR: Haar (Haarlem), Schinkels (Halmstadt), Loggie (Lierse), Van Der Poppe (MVV).
F C DEN BOSCH: De Jong (Seiko Hong-Kong).
DS'79: Van der Steene (Den Bosch), Linford (Ipswich), Vlot (Sliedrecht), Melis (Geminal, Bel), Meijer (Sparta).
EXCELSIOR: Beukers (Barendrecht), De Koudstaal (Nieuw Lekkerland), Jalink (Xerxes).
FEYENOORD: **Cruyff** (Ajax), **Van Der Kurput** (Torino).
FORTUNA SITTARD: Hoyer (Willem II), Evers (DS'79).
G.A. EAGLES: Veldmat (Groningen).
F.C. GRONINGEN: Erwin Koeman (PSV), Van Tiggelen (Sparta Rotterdam), Fahdi Ahmed (Niac Mitra, Sing.), Brocken (Birmingham), Schellekens (NEC Nijmegen), Roosslen (Veerdan).
HAARLEM: Hesp (Abroude), Veer Schoor (Telstar).
HELMOND SPORT: Feyt (Beringen).
PEC/ZWOLIE: **Rep** (Saint-Etienne), **Schrijvers** (Ajax), Fühler (Go-Ahead Eagles).
PSV EINDHOVEN: **Haan** (Standard Liege), **Valke** (Feyenoord).
RODA JC: Zuidema (Fortuna Sittard).
SPARTA ROTTERDAM: Van Noortwyk (SVV).
FC UTRECHT: Van Loen (UVV), Van Veen (Ajax).
VOLENDAM: Blanker (Zaragoza).
WILLEM II: Van Gils (Beringen), Fermandi (Sparta).

ITALY

ASCOLI: Borghi (Torino), Citterio (Napoli), Corti (Udinese), **Juary** (Inter), Perrone (Lazio), Pochesi (Lazio), **Trifunovic** (Partizan Belgrade).
AVELLINO: Bertoneri (Torino), Biagini (Parma), **Ramon Diaz** (Napoli), Mileti (Lecce), Rossi (Taranto), Volpecina (Palermo), Vullo (Sampdoria).
CATANIA: Bilardi (Cavese), Sabadini (Catanzaro), Torrisi (Torino), **Pedrinho** (Vasco da Gama), **Luvanor** (Goias, Brz).
FIORENTINA: Fattori (Palermo), Iachini (Genoa), Monelli (Ascoli), **Oriali** (Inter), **Pulici** (Udinese).
GENOA: Bergamaschi (Inter), Canuti (Milan), **Eloi** (Vasco da Gama), Policano (Latina), Zarattoni (Palermo).
INTER: **Coeck** (Anderlecht), Muraro (Acoli), Pasinato (Milan), Recchi (Cesena), Serena (Milan).
JUVENTUS: Caricola (Bari), **Penzo** (Verona), Tacconi (Avellino), Vignola (Avellino), **Laudrup** (Brondby, loaned to Lazio).
LAZIO: **Batista** (Palmeiras), Cupini (Cavese), **Laudrup** (on loan from Juventus), Piscedda (Sanremese), Vinazzani (Napoli).
MILAN: **Blissett** (Watford), Carotti (Ascoli), F. Galli (Pescara), **Gerets** (Standard Liege), Mandressi (Pescara), Manzo (Fiorentina), Paciocco (Jesi), Spinosi (Verona), Tacconi (Pescara).
NAPOLI: Boldini (Ascoli), Caffarelli (Cavese), Casale (Pisa), De Rosa (Palermo), **Dirceu** (Verona), Frappampina (Bologna).
PISA: Armenise (Bari), Criscimanni (Napoli), Giovannelli (Roma), **Kieft** (Ajax).
ROMA: Bonetti (Sampdoria), **Graziani** (Fiorentina), Malgioglio (Pistoiese), Oddi (Verona), Strukely (Triestina), Vincenzi (Pistoiese), **Toninho Cerezo** (Atletico Mineiro).
SAMPDORIA: **Bordon** (Inter), Galia (Como), **Marocchino** (Juventus), Pari (Palermo), **Vierchowod** (Roma).
TORINO: Caso (Perugia), Francini (Reggiana), Mariani (Catanzaro), Pileggi (Cagliari), **Schachner** (Cesena).
UDINESE: **Zico** (Flamengo), Brini (Ascoli), De Agostini (Catanzaro), A. Marchetti (Cagliari), Pradella (Monza).
VERONA: Boschin (Bologna, Bruni (Reggiana), Ferroni (Sampdoria), Fontolan (Como), **Galderisi** (Juventus), Ioratti (Pescara), Iorio (Roma), **Jordan** (Milan), Rebonato (Cremoness), Storgato (Juventus).

PORTUGAL

BENFICA: Oliveira (Maritimo), Adaio (S. Arabia).
BOAVISTA: **Alves** (Benfica), Borota (Portimonense).
SPORTING: **Kostic** (Partizan Belgrade).

SPAIN

BILBAO: Arrien, Oscar, J. Salinas (Bilbao At).
ATLETICO MADRID:Torres (Vall d'Uxo).
BARCELONA: Clos, Rojo (Atl. Barcelona).
BETIS: Barandika (Osasuna), Suarez (Celta), Mantilla (Santander), **Calderon** (Independiente).
CADIZ: Vilches (Espanol), Francis (Jerez), Benito (Rayo Vallecano), Monolo (Atl. Barcelona).
ESPANOL: Sole, Forcadell (Olot), Maldonaldo (Palencia), Lacalle (Sanse).
MALAGA: Gallardo, Ernesto, Azuaga, Rivas, Antonio Manuel (Antequerano), Gabi (Marbella).
MALLORCA: Zubeldia (Palencia), Garcia Jimenez, Izquierdo (Rayo), Martinez (Salamanca), Estella (Barcelona).
MURCIA: Herrero (Salamanca), Ferrer, Tarres, Albaladejo (Atl. Barcelona), Abad, Manolin, (San Fernando), Mora (Rayo), Santi (Hercules).
OSASUNA: Biurrun (Real Sociedad), Gratacos, Candido (Atl. Barcelona), Tirapu (Bilbao).
REAL MADRID: **Julio** (Las Palmas), **Lozano** (Anderlecht), Chendo, Cholo (Castilla).
REAL SOCIEDAD: Sagarzazu (Sanse).
SALAMANCA: Micanovic (Vojvodina), Serafin (Medinense), Choya (Sevilla).
SEVILLA: Ramon (Sevilla Atletico), Alvarez (FSV Frankfurt).
SPORTING GIJON: Pedro (Ensidesa).
VALENCIA: Arago (Vall d'Uxo).
VALLADOLID: Cendoya (Alaves), Bakero (Bilbao Atl).
ZARAGOZA: Ruiz (Aragon), Ribera (Alcoyano).

SWITZERLAND

FA AARAU: Seiler (Zurich), Marti (Basel), Haller (Grenchen). Fischer (Buttisholz), Ostrowski (Zofingen).
BASEL: Suter, Lauper, Andermatt (all Wettingen), Maissen (Zurich), Süss (Nordstern), Dreher (Stuttgart Kickers), **Botteron** (Nürnberg).
BELLINZONA: Bevilacqua (Servette), Bizzozzero (Giubiasco), Monaco (Losone).
CHIASSO: Schürmann (Monthey), Fontana (Ligornetto), Croci-Torti (Morbio), Schuler (Balerna).
GRASSHOPPERS: Piserchia (Concordia), Schepull (Rapperswil-Jona).
CHAUX-DE-FONDS: Nogues (Racing Paris), Matthey (Friboug), Baux (Young Boys), Gianfreda (Xamax), Pavoni (Etoile Carouge), Bako (Charque-mont), Vanoli (Fontainemelon), Anthoune (Le Parc), Mercati (Melley), Schleiffer (Grenchen).
LAUSANNE: Zwicker (Zurich), Andrey (Mulhouse)l Kühni (Winterthur), Duc (Bulle), Seramondi (Servette).
FC LUZERN: Müller (Young Boys), **Fairclough** (Liverpool), Weder (Ibach), Birrer (Willisau), Kasa (Friens), Pisani (Grasshoppers), Verico (Menzingen).
NEUCHATEL XAMAX: Amez-Droz (Marin), Salvi (Chaux), Zwygart, Mustapha (both

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Zico's transfer ends a great partnership

FEW, if any, of the 170,000 fans who watched Zico help Flamengo to another Brazilian title when they beat Santos 3-0 in the second leg of the final at Rio's Marcana stadium on May 29 realised that this was the great midfielder's last game for the club.

True, his contract was due to expire at the end of the month and negotiations for renewal had not been going too well, but Zico had repeatedly said that he did not want to leave Brazil . . . or "his" Flamengo, the club with whom he had stayed during his entire professional career.

The out-of-the-blue £2.5 million offer from Italy's Udinese for a 30-year-old player, probably too difficult to refuse — either for the club or Zico — ended one of the most successful partnerships in soccer.

For the past decade the stocky midfield ace has been the heart and soul of the Rio team, making it one of the greatest club sides in the world . . . and Flamengo are not likely to be the same without him. Now approaching the end of his career, Zico is still the darling of the fans and the hero of youngsters throughout Brazil.

In 16 years with the club "O Galinho" (the cockerel), has scored more than 630 goals and shared in a crop of titles — three Brazilian championships, six Rio state league titles and the South American and world club championships. It is surely his skills mainly which have made Flamengo the most popular club in the country, filling stadiums wherever they play. But Zico had to think of his (somewhat limited) future.

As soon as news of the intended move leaked out, hundreds of supporters rushed to the club's headquarters to protest loudly. "You can't sell Zico," they shouted at club president Antonio Dunshee de Abranches. "If you do, you will be dooming this club!" The experiences of Santos and Fluminense who slumped after parting with Pele and Rivelinho, supported their claim.

The Flamengo squad is full of talent, including World Cup defenders Leandro and Junior and intelligent midfielders in Tita, Adilio and Vitor, but Zico was undoubtedly the director of operations and inspiration capable of lifting the side with a flash of genius and bringing the best out of his team mates with precision passing.

Zico came to Flamengo as a skinny boy of 14. Flamengo worked on him, fed him and put muscle on him. If Zico made Flamengo, Flamengo first had to make Zico . . . But nobody could have given more to a club. Zico was always a model player dedicated to Flamengo, a

tireless worker on the field and unselfish with the ball. In training he worked harder than anyone and his private life — he is married with three young children — is exemplary.

Zico was born Artur Antunes Coimbra into a Portuguese immigrant family. His father was once a goalkeeper and three brothers were also professional players. He worked his way up through Flamengo's junior teams and in 1976 also became a permanent fixture in the national team. He played as an attacking midfielder, but always scored more goals than his forwards. Being the penalty taker helped, but many of his goals came through his ability to curve free-kicks around defensive walls, to speed of reaction and opportunism and dazzling dribbling.

Always polite and patient with the scores of journalists and fans continually swarming around him, always ready to sign autographs and pose for pictures, he said before he left: "At my age I have to think of financial security before emotion. I have given everything for Flamengo. The fans understand my position and Flamengo too."

The fans did understand . . . A measure of their love and esteem for the man was shown in the results of a poll made by the club. More than half thought he should go to Udinense for the sake of his career even though they could hardly bear to lose him.

But Flamengo and Brazil may not have seen the last of Zico. He hopes to get a place in Brazil's 1986 World Cup squad and, before leaving, he told reporters: "I want to end my career with Flamengo. When I come back from Italy I am prepared to play for Flamengo for nothing if they want me, just to finish my career in the black and red shirt."

If there was a chink in his armour it was that more than once he failed to rise to the occasion when playing for Brazil. In the 1976 Bicentennial tournament in the United States, Zico was, frankly, disappointing against both England and Italy. So much praise had gone before him but Brazil's then manager Oswaldo Brandao didn't apparently know how to make it work when it mattered.

Brandao was sacked before the 1978 World Cup finals, and the confederation turned to Zico's club coach at Flamengo, Claudio Coutinho.

But Coutinho's relaxed, yet skilled approach at Flamengo did not come over with Brazil. To try to weld together players from so many different clubs Coutinho attempted to enforce a far more disciplined style than in his club . . . and Zico and the rest couldn't take it.

Zico was unfortunate to carry one injury into the World Cup in Argentina and bring another away with him. But his failure to dovetail with Roberto Rivelino left more question-marks against his ability than it answered.

Brazilian fans are used to seeing players reach their peak in their mid-20s. But Zico, the so-called White Pele, has proved an exception, for it's only now, at 30, that his wonderful gifts have been projected consistently on the international stage.

Some two years ago he scored a brilliant winning goal against England at Wembley, then turned Liverpool inside out in the World Club Final in Tokyo. In the 1982 World Cup finals he was, at last, the Zico we had been promised for so long.

Ironically, just as Brazil got their attack to work again, so the defence went walkabout and that dramatic 3-2 defeat by Italy in the Sarria Stadium in Barcelona brought Zico's World Cup to an end.

He won't be there in Mexico. He'll be too old. Maybe he's too old, even, to adjust to the rigorous demands of *Calcio.*

For the sake of the thousands already sure of being attracted by his reputation, one hopes not. Roma coach Nils Liedholm has said, in justifying Zico's gamble: "I played my best football in Italy in my mid-30s."

But Liedholm had been around Calcio for several years already and the levels of cynicism and fitness were far below current level standards.

If Zico can survive, can star, can show why himself worthy of that enormous fee, then he will indeed be worthy of that often-quoted often-abused nickname, the White Pele.

Argentine leopar not change their

IT HASN'T taken long for Carlos Bilardo and his henchman Pachamé to put their hoofmarks on international football.

All credit to Carlos Alberto L-L. of the Mexican newspaper *Ovaciones* who had this to say about the Gruesome Twosome after the disgraceful brawl which disfigured the World Youth Cup Final in Mexico City between Brazil and Argentina; managed by Pachamé.

(Bobby Charlton will remember him, as Nobby Stiles will remember the good medico, Dr. Bilardo. Charlton had several stitches in his shin after Pachamé had kicked him there in the first leg of the Intercontinental Final between Estudiantes de la Plata and Manchester United in 1968; Stiles was cut above the eye when Bilardo back-headed him there. I was unfortunate enough to be present, that torrid evening, in the Bombonera Stadium, Buenos Aires, where so much mayhem has been committed over the years.)

Back to *Ovaciones*, which said this: "Bilardo and Pachamé were two gladiators of football, two players without respect, who have never matured as sportsmen and who have inculcated in their players the spirit of violence and disrespect."

Bilardo, having successfully managed Estudiantes, who kicked lumps out of Milan as well as Manchester United (three of their players, remember, were thrown in gaol at the behest of the President, General Ongania, after their brutal excesses againt Milan in 1969's Intercontinental game) succeeded Menotti as manager of Argentina. He promptly appointed Pachamé as manager of the youth team, QED.

It's particularly distressing and depressing to reflect that, after all the savage fiascos of the sixties, when only the elimination of Argentina by Peru from the 1970 World Cup gave all of us a benign breathing space, Bilardo and Pachamé should have been dredged up to give the Argentine game a new (or old?) and negative direction. Menotti did his best to return to less violent, more creative, methods, saying that if he believed the 1978 World Cup (this was in 1974, on his assumption) could be won by harsh physical methods, he would embrace them; but he didn't.

Menotti was no saint. Argentina did indeed win the World Cup in 1978, they did indeed play attacking football, but there was the Ethiopian in the fuel supply (as W. C. Fields would have it) of the Peruvian game; and a lot of dirty work at the crossroads, not least the disgraceful antics before the start of the World Cup Final, Villa's foul on Batista in Rosario, Passarello's elbow in Neesken's face in the Final, itself.

Plus Menotti's disgraceful equivocation the year before, when Pernia (not, eventually, a member of the World Cup team) punched Willy Johnston in the kidneys. Both, outrageously, were sent off, just as Trevor Cherry had been sent off at the Bombanera a few weeks earlier, "guilty" of having been punched in the mouth by Daniel Bertoni.

THE news that Verona's centre-forward, Domenico Penzo, has been signed at this late stage of his career by mighty Juventus must have pleased not only Penzo himself, top scorer last season for Verona, and one of the leading scorers in the Italian Championship, but my good old friend Domenico Biti, who discovered him, as he discovered Bruno Conti.

The only time I met Penzo, these many years ago, was after a Serie D (Fourth Division) match played on a grassless ground in the lee of mighty San Giovanni by Romulea, the team Biti managed then, on a Sunday morning. As we lunched in a modest café-restaurant afterwards, Penzo, a serving soldier then, doing his conscription and wearing uniform, came up to our table, and was introduced. From that time, I followed the helter skelter of his career. He went almost straight into the Roma first team in Serie A, quickly lost his place, rebuilt his career lower down the League and the peninsula with Bari, joined Brescia in Serie B — much farther north — with success, then made his name with Verona.

Coach

Biti, who was youth coach at Lazio when we used to have lunch every day in the Via Frattina in Rome, in 1954-5, ran the football school in Rome, took over Roma juniors, was assistant coach of the 1960 Olympic soccer team, which included Rivera, Burgnich and Bulgarelli, then took on till his recent retirement a string of C and D division teams around the coast, earning the ironic nickname in Rome of Il Mago del Tirreno, the magician of the Mediterranean.

UEFA's President, Artemio Franchi, still pays warm tribute to him as a youth coach. One, by the way, who launched Bruno Conti, Pelé's favourite 1982 World Cup player, when he was manager of Anzio.

I wish Penzo luck with Juve. I still have vividly in mind the picture of Biti, hat on the back of his now wholly bald head, regaling the young players of Formia — a town on the beach between Rome and Naples — with marvellous anecdotes of the war, when my own younger boy was living and training with them, by Biti's flattering and insistent request. The wily Neapolitan who pretended Biti was a star player and he was his indispensable masseur; the painful massage in front of their British captors with a cruelly lacerating ointment, the ultimate escape. Sad, after that, for a young Englishman to fall into the hands of loud, ignorant American coaches, but then you can't win them all. How many Bitis are there?

Sad news in July of the death of two former World Cup stars, Burdai of Hungary, Juskowiak of West Germany.

Each had rather star crossed tournaments, Budai in 54, Switzerland, Juskowiak two years later in Sweden. In fact Budai, an excellent, fast, clever right winger, was doing very nicely, thank you, in the 1954 tournament, and had just had an outstanding game in the semi-final at Uraguay in Lausanne, a famous match, when Ferenc Puskas talked his way back into the team for the Final.

Puskas wasn't really fit, but so powerful a figure was he that he couldn't be gainsaid; and he didn't like Budai. So it was Budai, after all those years of effervescence on the wing, who went out, rather than the acknowledged deputy winger, Toth. Hungary certainly missed Budai in the Final in Berne against Germany, which of course they lost 3-2, after holding an eight minute 2-0 lead. But that wasn't much consolation for poor Budai.

In Gothenburg, I saw Juskowiak sent off in the semi-finals for a desperate, deliberate kick at little Kurre Hamrin, whose brilliant close control and pace had been tormenting him all evening. There was nothing to be done but expel Juskowiak, as Hamrin lay there curled up in a ball of pain; or so it seemed. Till Juskowiak went reluctantly off; whereupon Hamrin bounced up, lively as a Spring lamb, proceeding not long afterwards, to score one of the finest goals of the tournament after an amazing, sustained individual run.

WHAT a wonderfully ludicrous affair that of Zico, Udinese and Groupings Ltd has been from the first; and who knows when we shall hear the last? With Udinese and Groupings Ltd suing the Italian Football Association — for *ultra vires* action in one case, supposed defamation in the other — with Friuli seceding from the Italian Republic, and going back to be part of Austria?

Frankly, I never believed in any of it from the first. The idea of Zico coming to remote Udinese seemed as absurd to me as . . . steady! I was just about to say, as that of Alan Simonsen coming to Charlton, but then he did, didn't he, for just a little while?

In the whole of their long but hardly distinguished life, the North Eastern Italian club, a nursery of stars — Dino Zoff among them — have had but one season in glory; and then it ended in tears.

Yes, gentlemen; it was that very 1954/5 season of which I've just been talking. With a marvellous pair of strikers, the centre-forward Bettini, the inside-left Arne Selmos-

ds do spots

son of Sweden, nicknamed The Ray of Moonlight, Udinese astonished everybody, set a sustained and marvellous pace, and finished second in the Championship, just ahead of Jesse Carver's Roma.

Then they were relegated. That's right; relegated. It was suddenly discovered that the season before, they had bought a match to stay up and down they went, poor things. A rotten anticlimax, but in any case, Selmosson and Bettini were already on their way to Lazio.

To buy Zico, Udinese had to perform perfectly colossal acts of financial jugglery. Controlled at the time by the Zanussi manufacturing firm, which itself was in deep waters, they turned to the mysterious organisation Groupings Ltd, which had registered offices in London, but were represented in Rio, when they had to be, by an Italian lawyer based in Lugano. As well try to find the true owner of a property in darkest Notting Hill as untangle the full, financial complications of this strange tale. Groupings put half a million dollars up front; Flamengo gratefully gobbled that up when the deal fell through, as penalty money. Finance was meant ultimately to come by flogging Zico's advertising image to Groupings, and from a large share issue. Quite where Zanussi did or didn't come into it was obscure; Paolo Mazza, their own man and the Udinese president, had just been gently ejected from the firm.

Zico, meanwhile, continued loyally to say that he still considered himself a Udinese player, while from the Iberian Peninsula Real Madrid, having just skilfully acquired Juan Lozano from Anderlecht (that'll teach the Belgians not to naturalise him, just because he wouldn't serve in the Army) covetous noises were heard. If you also heard, swirling above it all, the beguiling strains of *opera buffa*, so did I.

AND Luther Blissett? The odd thing is that he didn't in any way displace Joe Jordan. Milan, who in fact were after a midfield player, preferred Ludo Coeck, who ended up signing for their rivals, Inter, switched to a striker when they lost Serena . . . to Inter.

It was their own idiotic fault. The old blowhard Giussy Farina, ex-President of Vicenza, the man who made the dotty £1.5 million bid for half a share of Paolo Rossi, and got him from Juventus (to the ruination of Rossi and the club) was badly outmanoeuvred.

At the start of the season, he had borrowed three men on loan, or part proprietorship to be more exact, from his rivals, Collovati having gone the other way; to Inter. Serena, a centre-forward who came very good late in the season, was one of them, Pasinato and Canuti, the others. At the end of the season, much to the general surprise, Farina said he didn't want to keep them. Fine, said Inter, then we shall take them back. The news leaked out. The Milan fans were furious. They wanted violently to keep Serena who had been scoring numerous goals. They made menacing noises.

At this stage, Farina seems to have felt . . . menaced. He announced that he was going to keep the players; that Inter had breached the contractural cordiality of the deal, and so all bets were off. Inter protested to the powers that be, their protest was upheld, Serena and company went back to Inter, Blissett arrived from Watford?

Power

Will he do well? I don't see why not. He has power, speed, guts and opportunism. If he misses as many, or more, goals than he scores, he still gets into a great many goal scoring positions. But they didn't know much about him when they bought him, had seen him only on video film, and if they think him a centre-forward in the classical, Jordanian, sense; he ain't. Nor has he the beautiful, refined technique, the marvellous flair, of Trevor Francis, who had such a fine (half) season in Italy.

But if the late, deeply lamented but unquestionably limited Gerry Hitchens had so much success in Italy twenty years ago, thanks to his courage, persistence and physical energy, Blissett, who has more to offer, could do well. At least he is an eternal point of reference, always eager to receive the ball, run with it, challenge people, take the weight off his colleagues. But I don't blame Watford for pocketing the million. That sort of money just isn't available here any more, not now that Clough and Allison have had their wings clipped.

I STILL think the FAs decision, or decisions, on the Derby County-Fulham game add up to a thug's charter.

I also think the referee was hideously, crazily wrong in allowing the game to go on in such manifestly intimidating circumstances. It wasn't that it finished 78 seconds early; it was that for nearly a quarter of an hour, after the nitwit police told Derby to allow spectators on to the sidelines, Fulham could not possibly perform normally. And tell me not about the 1923 Cup Final, white horse copper et al, when a certain modicum of restraint prevailed among the swarming fans.

The trouble remains — at the cost of tediously repeating myself — that our boneheaded authorities always meet such situations as the League and FA did in these circumstances; as if they were happening for the first time. With no established ruling to turn to, everything is treated ad hoc, with all the resultant, current pressures. In Italy, that game would have been awarded 2-0 to Fulham, and that would have been that. Never mind the issues of promotion.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

The scene at the end of the controversial Fulham game at Derby with fans lining the touchlines.

River Plate's professionals stage walk-out

from Eric Weil

WITH THE first division championship in Argentina having barely begun, River Plate's players — tired of forever having to wait to collect their salaries and also finding it impossible to reach agreement on the signing of new contracts — sent a telegram to the club requesting payment within 48 hours, as local law demands, or be declared free of contract.

When the time was up, although the club said it had had cheques for the players at its offices, the players walked out because the money was supposed to have been deposited in cash at the players' union.

For almost a month (at press time) negotiations had been going on between the club, players, players' union and even the labour ministry with the main problem being that the players consider themselves as free of contract and the club refuses to do so and it also cannot raise the cash to meet the players' demands.

Two of River Plate's matches were suspended by the FA, including the classic encounter against Boca Juniors, but then it was decided not to suspend any more and the club has lined up junior amateurs in its last three games, surprisingly winning one of them (2-1 v Platense) while losing the other two.

Curiously their only professional paid up to date (who could therefore not walk out on his contract) is also not playing. World Cup goalkeeper Fillol has a private contract to wear a certain firm's sports kit and refuses to wear the same brand as the rest of the team for which the club has a contract.

At press time River Plate had suspended their goalkeeper three times for periods totalling 30 days and by law are not allowed to suspend him any more during the same year, but only release him and this was being discussed. Brazil's Flamengo was interested in the goalkeeper, but River Plate's asking price was too high.

Players of Boca Juniors, Argentina's other popular club, are also owed a lot of back wages and while they have not yet got to the stage of walking out, the club's employees have. Club officials and members are acting as gatemen at matches.

Estudiantes de La Plata and Independiente finished in that order in the last two championships — the 1982 first division and the 1983 national championship — and after seven matches of the current first division championship Independiente already lead by three points with Estudiantes in fifth place four points behind, but Estudiantes has lined up complete reserve teams in half their games while playing in the Libertadores Cup and now that they are out of it things may change. And Independiente, although playing most of the little good football there is, have not been all that dominant, starting off with a string of three draws and then winning three of four matches by one-goal margins. About the only other team playing attacking soccer in this championship at the moment is Argentinos Juniors, the club with whom Maradona started, and they are joint second.

Seven clubs have changed manager/coaches during the last few weeks. Juan Carlos Lorenzo did not want to renew his contract with Velez Sarsfield unless they bought reinforcements and he was replaced by Rogel. M. A. Lopez walked out on Instituto Córdoba because the lowly club would not buy to strengthen the team (no money).

Basile left Racing Córdoba to join Mexico's Guadalajara. Unión de Santa Fe signed Conigliaro, another of the defence and counter-attack class who learnt his trade with coach Zubeldía playing for the Libertadores Cup winning Estudiantes de La Plata in the late 60s. But most unlucky was Independiente's Nito Veiga. He had taken the club to two successive vice-championships, but it was not good enough and he was replaced by Omar Pastoriza, a former player and coach at Independiente. Perhaps the press was responsible. They kept saying Independiente was the best team all along in spite of not winning the title.

But the most bizarre change took place at Racing Club. Rogelio Dominguez, a former goalkeeper of the club, was told he could stay on as coach providing the team won on Sunday against Velez Sarsfield. Momentarily he thought that he would put on his old goalkeeper jersey on Sunday and take the field to try and keep out the goals, but eventually he walked out to be immediately replaced by Juan Pizzutti, with whom conversations had already been going on earlier. This was the 31st coaching change at the ailing club — bottom of the league at press time — since 1970.

Pizzutti, who had played for the club in its better days around 1960, last coached a small provincial club, but that was four years ago. But Pizzutti was the man under whom Racing won the Libertadores Cup in 1966 — after earlier creating a record of going through 39 matches unbeaten — and then the Europe-South America Cup against Glasgow Celtic in 1967. Racing are hoping for a repeat performance under him, but in the event they lost that Sunday against Velez Sarsfield.

And the player exodus continues with Tarantini (River Plate) and Ischia (Velez Sarsfield) leaving for France, Calderón (Independiente) for Spain, Simon (Newell's) for France, Santamaría (Newell's) and Brown (Estudiantes) for Colombia during the last few weeks, to name but the internationals. This is leaving the quality of soccer in the championship poorer and poorer while the badly-needed dollars coming in do not amount to all that much and are not used to improve the game. Racing Córdoba meanwhile got an unexpected $50,000 windfall — an option on two of their players (Gasparini and Urruti) placed by an Italian agent which expired, but they are now trying to place the players elsewhere abroad.

Marangoni (5) and Villavedde (2), both internationals, in action for Argentine First Division leaders Independiente.

In Colombia: NARCOTICS MONEY

IT is being rumoured that a lot of money gained from drug trafficking is finding its

Independiente's Sanchez beats Boca goalkeeper Hugo Gatti, but the latter — 20 years in the First Division — had an outstanding match in the 2-2 draw.

way into Colombian professional soccer and an investigation has been called for.

It appears that drug barons are buying up several clubs as a means of white-washing illicitly gained fortunes and this could in some way be linked with the purchase of numerous Argentine players of international class in recent months — Gottardi, Brown, Santamaría, Babington, Bauza to name but a few . . . The two last mentioned are standing out for Barranquilla's Atletico Junior who are making the running in the second stage of the championship just as they did in the first, although they were eventually beaten by Caldas in the final for the title.

The top four in this stage qualify for the final round as was also the case in the first stage . . . Champions America de Cali are near the bottom of the table, but have four games in hand as a result of their participation in the semi-final stage of the Libertadores Cup, but they will have to fight to gain one of the top four places to enter the final round as they failed to qualify during the first stage.

In Chile: COBRELOA AND COLO COLO ELIMINATED

UNIVERSIDAD Catolica were easy winners of the pre-season "Polla Gol" tournament.

Coached by their former player, Andres Prieto, their trump card was their hard shooting young left-winger Jorge Aravena who scored 22 goals in as many matches which also gained him a place in the national team . . . This year the pre-season tournament qualified the teams which will represent Chile in next year's Libertadores Cup and current champions Cobreloa and vice-champions Colo Colo, being engaged in this year's cup while playing in the pre-season tournament, failed to make it.

Colo Colo failed to reach the final round and Cobreloa were bottom of it. Instead, second-placed small club O'Higgins play in the 1984 Libertadores Cup with Universidad Catolica.

In Bolivia: BOLIVAR WIN "SUPER CLASSIC"

BOLIVIA'S currently most popular teams, Bolivar and The Strongest, have just played an "extra tournament" to raise more money.

The two clubs played each other in a series of five matches with the overall winners taking 90 per cent of the gate receipts. Bolivar won the series 4-1 and took $45,000, but The Strongest are currently leading the league championship.

In Venezuela: UNIVERSIDAD CHAMPIONS

UNIVERSIDAD de los Andes, from Merida, won the Venezuelan professional league — the first of the South American championships to finish — with Portuguesa, coming back from a few lean years, taking second place on goal average over Italia.

The top two will be Venezuela's representatives in next year's Libertadores Cup . . . Meanwhile defending champions San Cristobal, the first club from Venezuela to reach the semi-final stage of the Libertadores Cup this year, slumped towards the end of their domestic championship, losing their last six matches to finish below half-way in the table.

In Paraguay: CHAMPIONS OLIMPIA BACK

FIRST Division champions Olimpia, who started the season badly and just finished a point out of a qualifying place for the final round in the first stage of this season's championship, are back in their usual place — at the top — leading Libertad by two points after seven games of the second stage.

In Uruguay: PEÑAROL FINALLY WIN

DEFENDING champions Peñarol finally gained their first victory — 1-0 over Danubio — after 10 matches in the first division to climb one point out of bottom place.

Peñarol have lined up reserves on a number of occasions while qualifying for the final of the Libertadores Cup and also playing in an international tournament in Rome, but it is still an unusual position for the club to be in. Their eternal rivals Nacional lead by two points over Defensor.

In Brazil: CORINTHIAN DEMOCRACY

SAO Paulo's Corinthians, where the players take all the decisions themselves on team management — led by their captain Socrates — went too far recently when the players started using shirts with the slogan "Corinthian Democracy" on them.

Soccer authorities clamped down on this, saying it was a political slogan . . . State championships are being played all over Brazil at the moment.

MEN IN THE NEWS

● **Jair Pereyra,** Brazilian coach of the national junior team which won the World Youth Cup in Mexico this year, has been put under contract by a Saudi Arabian club.

● Major transfers — **Alberto Tarantini** (Argentine World Cup defender) from River Plate (Argentina), from whom he bought his contract, to Bastia (France) for $120,000 . . . **Gabriel Calderón** (Argentine World Cup winger) from Independiente (Argentina) to Betis (Spain) for $195,000 . . . **Jose Brown** (Argentine international defender) from Estudiantes de La Plata (Argentina) to Medellin (Colombia) for $180,000 . . . **Carlos Ischia** (Argentine international midfielder) from Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) to French club (through agent) to be finalised . . . **Santiago Santamaría** (Argentine World Cup winger) from Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) to Barranquilla Junior (Colombia) for $80,000 . . . **Juan Simón** (Argentine international defender) from Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) to Monaco (France) for $180,000.

● **Jaoa Batista,** Brazilian international midfielder, to Lazio (Italy).

● **Hugo Gottardi,** Argentine forward, from Estudiantes de La Plata (Argentina) to Independiente Santa Fe (Colombia) for $90,000. (See South American League Scene article.)

● **Ricardo Ferrero,** Argentine goalkeeper, from Cruz Azul (Mexico) to FC Oeste (Argentina) on free transfer.

● **Raul Cruz Chaparro,** Argentine forward, from River Plate (Argentina) to Rosario Central (Argentina) for $63,000.

Hamburg unhappy with Euro bye

by Keir Radnedge

GÜNTER NETZER, general manager of Hamburg, was a disappointed man when the draw was made for the first round of the 1983-84 Champions' Cup.

The exclusion of the Albanian champions Vllaznia Shkoder — as punishment for their refusal to play last season — meant Hamburg had been given a bye into the second round.

In the early days of the European Cup it was standard practice for the holders to be exempt. Real Madrid, for example, received a bye in 1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60 and the following season thanks to their status as defending title-holders.

Cynics may say that had plenty to do with the length of their five-year reign. Madrid appreciated the fact. But how things have changed. Now clubs are looking for extra matches and if it were not for the official order of things I'm sure many teams would have entered the UEFA Cup rather than the Cup-winners' Cup in past years because of the UEFA Cup's extra round.

Players being paid by the week, not by the match, it's obvious that an extra match means extra income for (comparatively) small outlay . . . at least, that's so in the early rounds in Europe where there is generally no need for an inflated win bonus.

Thus Netzer was not happy at missing a round. But in fact that was only an echo of football history. When Hamburg first entered the Champions' Cup, in 1960-61, they were granted a bye in the first round because of the reduced entry.

And looking back over Hamburg's European career underlines a remarkable fact. They have taken part in the Champions' Cup on only three occasions. Yet the first time they lost 1-0 in a semi-final play-off against Barcelona in 1961; the second time they lost 1-0 to Nottingham Forest in the final in 1980; and third time lucky, they beat Juventus 1-0 in Athens last May for the title.

Record

It's an enviable record to underline the fact that Hamburg always make awkward opponents in Europe. They have plenty of experience — having been missing from European competition for only four of the last 17 seasons.

They are, in fact, one of only three clubs (Barcelona and Leeds are the others) who have at one time or another suffered defeats in the finals of all three European tournaments.

In 1968 Hamburg lost 2-0 to Milan in the Cup-winners' Cup final, though they returned in 1977 to beat then holders Anderlecht by the same margin. Then, in 1981-82, they went down to a shock 0-1 (away), 0-3 (home!) defeat at the hands of Sweden's IFK Gothenburg in the UEFA Cup Final.

Of the 1977 Cup-winners' Cup side only right-back Manni Kaltz and midfielder Felix Magath remain — Magath the hero in Athens in May of course not only for his fine, decisive goal but for a controlling display in midfield which made Juventus look like tactical novices.

West German manager Jupp Derwall would like to see Magath make himself available once more for the national team, but the new Hamburg captain (succeeding the transferred Horst Hrubesch) remains adamant.

He didn't enjoy his experience at the World Cup finals a year ago — the long concentration, the pressure, the selection and tactical uncertainties. In the middle of last season it seemed he might think again. But with the West German national team hardly impressing, he decided that if he made a comeback the entire weight of a revival would fall on his shoulders.

So West German football now has the remarkable sight of the European champions providing only one player — busy midfielder Wolfgang Rolff — to the national squad.!

Image

That's a situation which hardly matches Hamburg's venerable, senior image as the oldest club operating in the Bundesliga — their longevity owed to their origins through SC Germania, set up on September 29, 1887. Germania later amalgamated with Hamburger FC (founded 1888) in 1919 and with FC Falke (1905). But whatever the changes in name, the reputation was consistently one for good robust football.

The only surprise, perhaps, is that this has not paid off in terms of more titles and trophies.

At home they have won the championship only six times — the 1983 title on goal difference from Werder Bremen — the cup twice and the league cup — organised only once! — in 1973. Their attempt to become the inaugural winners of the West German Super Cup ended in failure this past spring when they lost 1-1, 1-1 (2-4 on penalties) to Bayern Munich.

But Hamburg aren't only a football club. They have 4,400 members and cater also for badminton, basketball, bowling, ice hockey, gymnastics, handball, hockey, athletics, rugby, swimming, tennis, volleyball and even competitive dancing!

In their early years Hamburg dominated the old northern regional league in the days when the German championship was played regionally with the winners taking part in an end-of-season play-off tournament. Before the last war they won the overall title only on two occasions — and one of these the players refused to accept!

That was in 1922. In the championship decider Hamburg drew 2-2 against Nürnberg and then 1-1 in the replay. The league organisers voted to award the trophy to Hamberg as the better team. But because Nürnberg had finished the replay with only seven fit men, the Hamburg team refused to accept the award.

Hamburg beat Hertha Berlin in the final in 1928, but then it wasn't until 1960 that they succeeded again — this time with one of the most fondly-remembered of all Hamburg teams. The star was Uwe Seeler, the stocky, powerful centre-forward who captained his country in both the 1966 and 1970 World Cups.

Play-off

Seeler, whose late elder brother Dieter played left half, scored 43 goals in 72 international. But he wasn't the only star. Klaus Stürmer was a fine, if temperamental, inside forward and Gert Dörfel a dangerous left-winger. Thanks to their inspiration, Hamburg reached the semi-finals of the 1961 Champions' Cup before going down narrowly in a play-off against Barcelona.

Seven years later Hamburg lost to Milan in the Cup-winners' Cup, then collected the trophy in 1977 thanks to goals from Georg Volkert and Magath against Anderlecht.

Much of the success was claimed by flamboyant president Peter Krohn, the man who master-minded the £500,000 signing of Kevin Keegan in 1977. It wasn't until after Krohn had gone and Günter Netzer had been appointed general manager, however, that Keegan's Hamburg 'took off.'

Once a brilliant inside forward, Netzer signed Branko Zebec as coach and then replaced him with Ernst Happel after the 1980 Champions' Cup defeat.

THE COACH

ERNST HAPPEL: Aged 57, Happel is an Austrian who made his name as a stopper centre-back with Rapid Vienna, 1st FC Vienna then Racing Club of Paris in the 1950s. Between 1947 and 1958 he played in 51 internationals, his last being the 2-2 draw against England at Boras in Sweden in the 1958 World Cup finals. Happel was noted for a ferocious shot and once scored a hat-trick against the great Real Madrid in the Champions' Cup with a penalty and two free kicks. In the autumn of 1958 Happel became coach to Rapid, moving to Holland in 1962 to take over Ado Den Haag. He stayed seven years, taking a club with minimal resources into the UEFA Cup before entering the 'big league' with Feyenoord.

Now Happel's career gathered momentum, fast. In 1970 Feyenoord became the first Dutch side to win the Champions' Cup, and added the World Club Cup for good measure. Seville were impressed and took Happel to Spain for two years before, in 1975, he moved to Brugge. He led them to the UEFA Cup Final and the Champions' Cup Final (defeated on both occasions by Liverpool) before joining Standard Liege in 1979.

Happel's standing in Belgium remained high

HAMBURGER SPORT VEREIN
Founded: September 29, 1887.
Champions' Cup: 1983. Runners-up 1980.
Cup-winners' Cup: 1977. Runners-up 1968.
UEFA Cup: Runners-up 1982.
League: 1923, 1928, 1960, 1979, 1982, 1983.
League Cup: 1973.
Cup: 1963, 1976.
President: Dr Wolfgang Klein.
General Manager: Günter Netzer.
Coach: Ernst Happel.
Assistant: Rainer Ohlhauser.
Colours: White/red/blue.
Stadium: Volksparkstadion. Capacity 60,341 (seated 27,541).

even though he took over the Dutch national team on a part-time basis along the way, guiding them to the 1978 World Cup Final defeat by Argentina.

After two tempestuous years at Standard, Happel succeeded Branko Zebec at Hamburg in 1981 and immediately took them to the West German title. He was wanted as part-time World Cup boss by Austria but the German federation objected because Austria were in the German's qualifying group.

THE PLAYERS

ULI **(Ulrich)** STEIN. Goalkeeper. Aged 28, with one cap. Joined Hamburg three years ago from Arminia Bielefeld, then in the second division. Stein was the luckless goalkeeper beaten four times by IFK Gothenburg in last season's two-leg UEFA Cup Final. Made his international debut as a second-half substitute for Dieter Burdenski in West Germany's 4-2 win over Yugoslavia in the Luxembourg federation's 75th anniversary international in June.

UWE HAIN. Goalkeeper. Aged 27. Hamburg signed him last summer from Eintracht Braunschweig. Few chances this season.

MANNI **(Manfred)** KALTZ. Right-back. Aged 30 with 69 caps. One of Europe's top attacking right-backs . . . at least until he was dropped by West Germany after the 1-0 friendly defeat in Portugal in February. Yet Kaltz had played as West Germany's sweeper in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina. Takes most of Hamburg's free kicks and corners on the right and is dangerous with free kicks — he once scored twice in a Champions' Cup semi-final against Real Madrid.

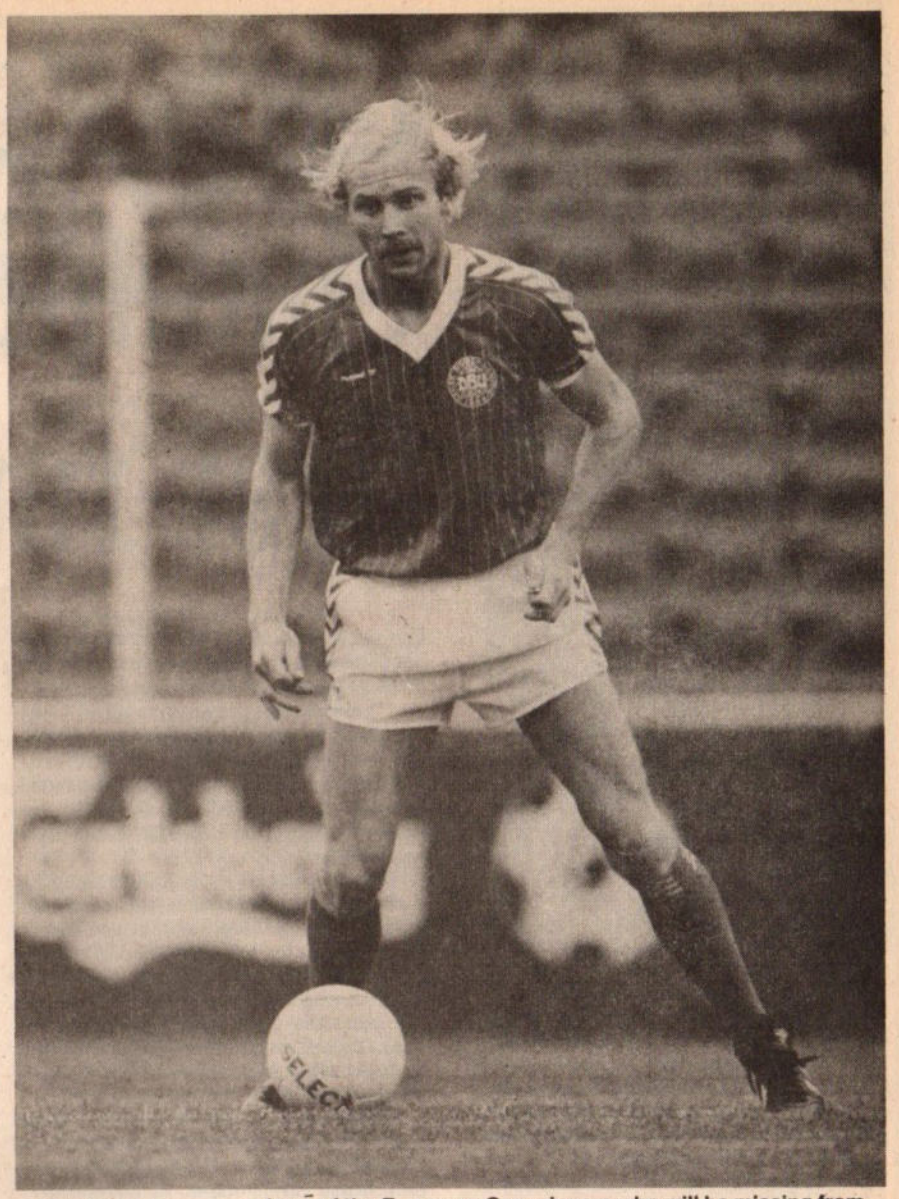
DITMAR JAKOBS. Central defender. Aged 29, with one cap. An awkward-looking defender who is excellent in the air. Hamburg signed him four years ago from MSV Duisburg and, apart from winning six B caps, he has played in almost 300 Bundesliga games.

HOLGAR HIERONYMUS. Central defender. Aged 24, with three caps. Usually plays sweeper. Skilful, with an accurate pass out of defence, he joined Hamburg from local rivals St Pauli four years ago and made an immediate impact. Played against Nottingham Forest in the 1980 Champions' Cup final.

BERND WEHMEYER. Left-back. Aged 30, with nearly 150 Bundesliga games to his name. Hamburg signed him from Hanover five years ago, but he had begun his career with Arminia Bielefeld. Began as a midfielder and likes to move forward.

WOLFGANG ROLFF. Midfield. Aged 23, with four caps — two gained as substitue in both European championship matches against Turkey and Austria. Rolff has been the 'find' of the season, since arriving at Hamburg from Fortuna Köln. He might have made the breakthrough into the Bundesliga earlier but for a suspension which followed transfer irregularities early in his career. Won 16 youth caps. Fit and quick, Rolff is as likely to turn up in the middle of defence as in the centre of attack.

WOLFGANG-FELIX MAGATH (known as Felix Magath). Midfield. Aged 29 with 24 caps — the last won in the dramatic World Cup semi-final against France in Seville. After the World Cup Magath retired from the national team, threatened a brief change of mind in mid-season, then decided to stay out of it. He feared too much pressure if he made a comeback. He is the key schemer of the Hamburg team, the man on whom they rest their hopes of the £7,000-per-player bonus for winning the final. Signed from Saarbrücken six years ago, he was a member of West Germany's 1980 European championship-winning squad.



Lars Bastrup . . . one of two of the European Cup-winners who will be missing from the Hamburg line-up this season. The other departure is skipper Horst Hrubesch.

JÜRGEN GROH. Midfield/defender. Aged 26, with one cap. Hamburg signed him from Kaiserslautern in 1980 as a defender and turned him into a hard-working midfielder. He will have to take a lot of extra responsibility in Athens to try to make up for the absence of suspended Jimmy Hartwig.

ALLAN HANSEN. Midfield. Aged 27, with 21 caps for Denmark. Has been out of the Hamburg team most of the season but could make a surprise recall because of the suspension of Jimmy Hartwig. Hansen joined Hamburg from BK Odense last summer after one earlier, equally unsuccessful, spell in West Germany with Tennis Borussia Berlin. Began his career with BK Odense.

THOMAS VON HEESEN. Striker. Aged 21. Hamburg are his first major club, having signed him three years ago from FC Paderborn. Von Heesen has proved a valuable goal-scoring substitute and grabbed the winning goal against Real Sociedad in the semi-final second leg.

JÜRGEN MILEWSKI. Winger/striker. Aged 25 with two caps and six B caps. Played for Hanover and then Hertha Berlin before Hamburg signed him in the summer of 1979. Made his West Germany debut in November, 1981, against Albania. Milewski came on as a 48th-minute substitute for Rummenigge, who had already scored a hat-trick by then!

DIETER SCHATZSCHNEIDER. Centre-forward. Aged 25, seven times a West German youth international. Schatzschneider — try saying it quickly! — has just cost Hamburg £300,000 (a big fee by West German standards) as replacement for Standard Liege-bound Horst Hrubesch. A Hannover boy, Schatzschneider began with HSV Hanover, then progressed via OSV Hanover to join second division Hanover 96 in 1979. Standing just under six foot he made an immediate impression and Hamburg bought the option on his transfer in the middle of last season. As part of the deal he went on loan to Fortuna Köln, and his goals took them to the cup final . . . which the second division club then lost narrowly, by 1-0 to senior neighbours 1. FC Kohn. 'Schatz' finished as the second division's top scorer last season with 31 goals.

WOLFRAM WUTTKE. Winger. Aged 21, youth international. Quite a character, who cost Hamburg £240,000 from relegated Schalke. Wuttke takes the place in Hamburg's tactical scheme of things from the disappearing Dane, Lars Bastrup. Yet they are contrasting characters. Whereas Bastrup was a serious-minded member of the squad, Wuttke promises to liven things up. At the end of last season he was dropped from the West German under-21 squad as a disciplinary measure and earlier in the season he spent a day down one of the Ruhr coal mines as self-imposed punishment for failing to score, as he had promised, in a vital game against Moenchengladbach, his old club. Wuttke began with SG Castrop, made the professional breakthrough with Schalke then joined Borussia Mg in 1980. He returned to Schalke early last season but the twin ogres of relegation and cash trouble meant that when Hamburg came along with an offer they had no option but to sell again.

Lech Poznan Champions for first time

From Jacek Gucwa in Warsaw

LECH POZNAN, champions of Poland.

That is now a fact. But a year ago it would have been considered an impossible dream by those experts who expected the league title to have been a private contest between Widzew Lodz (1982 champions), Legia Warsaw and Slask Wroclaw.

Lech? They were thought of as a mid-table team. But now that "mid-table" team of a year ago are preparing to do battle in the Champions' Cup after winning the league crown for the first time in their 51 years' existence.

And their appearance in Europe's premier club tournament is owed, in large measure, to the work over the past three years of coach Wojciech Lazarek.

Aged 45, Lazarek was originally a player with Start Lodz, LKS and finally for Lechia Gdansk (last season's surprise cup-winners from the third division). After retiring he sat his coaching examinations in Gdansk and then worked with Wlokniarz Lodz, Lechia Gdansk, MRKS Gdansk, Olimpia Elblag, Baltyk Gdynia and Zawisza Bydgoszcz.

Spells

He also had short spells studying abroad at Hamburg and Hertha Berlin before taking over at Lech.

His basic team last season was this one:

Mowlik or Plesniarowicz — Pawlak or Stroinski, Szewczyk, Malek, Barczak — Oblewski, Kupcewicz, Adamiec or Krzyzanowski — Bak, Niewiadomski, Okonski.

Only two of those players began their football careers with Lech or were born in Poznan: Hieronim Barczak and Rafael Stroinski. The rest were all signed from other clubs. But the key transfer dealing came a year ago when Lech signed Jozef Adamiec, Jacek Bak and Janusz Kupcewicz.

It's Kupcewicz who is the best-known Lech player, both to the fans in Poland and to those abroad. His national team chances were restricted for years before with the midfield dominance of Kaziu Deyna. But Kupcewicz has been a national squad fixture since Deyna's departure. He may not be too quick, but he has an excellent shot, good control and vision of play.

Despite health problems, Kupcewicz was in top form last season and played the decisive role in the last game of the term when Lech, in order to win the Championship, had to win away against once-great Gornik Zabrze. Gornik at home are still dangerous rivals, but two touches from Kupciwicz and Lech won 2-0.

Wingers

Kupciwicz can win matches single-handed, but he was supported last season by two excellent wingers in Miroslaw Okonski and Jacek Bak.

Okonski could be a new Robert Gadocha. But maddeningly, it seems that even after dribbling past defenders and the goalkeeper, he cannot put the ball in the net. If he could correct his finishing he would score three times more goals and perhaps even win the "Golden Shoe" for Europe's top scorer.

As for Bak, the 21-year-old from Resovia Rzeszow is the great hope of Polish football with his inventive, unpredictable talents.

Yet Lech did not have it easy. The league leadership changed almost every weekend between Ruch, Lech, Pogon and Widzew in the season's closing stages.

Pogon and Ruch lost their chances one week before the final round but Widzew and Lech pressed on to the end.

Widzew won all their last three games against Cracovia, Gwardia and Zaglebie, scoring 12 goals, but it wasn't enough to overhaul Lech, known as the "Railmen's team".

Consistent

The league champions in any country are the team who can show the greatest consistency over a lengthy season. And that's exactly where Lech scored. In winning 17 of their 30 games they ran up far more match successes than anyone else (Widzew and fifth-placed Wisla Krakow each won 13 mathces), thanks to a combination of strong, skilful players making up with effort what they may have lacked in experience or class.

Coach Lazarek is not a man to sit back. The season had hardly ended before he was considering strengthening his squad with a series of new transfers and Lech could prove awkward European opponents for anyone.

PLAYERS

Piotr MOWLIK — Goalkeeper. Aged 33. 21 caps. Experienced, sharp reflexes. Product of ROW Rybnik, then played for Unia Raciborz and Legia Warsaw. Came to Lech in 1979.

Zbigniew PLESNIEROWICZ — Goalkeeper. 24. Product of Wlokniarz Kalisz, then Legia Warsaw. Joined Lech a year ago.

Hieronim BARCZAK — Right-back, an attacking player. 30/8. Team captain. Played before for Przemyslaw and Polonia Poznan.

Jozef SZEWCZYK — Sweeper. 33/1. Played for Wanda Krakow, Hutnik Krakow, Slask Wroclaw, and since 1977, for Lech.

Janusz MALEK — Full-back. 25. Product of Stal Krasnik. Hard player.

Krzysztof PAWLAK — Utility defender. 25. Product of Calisia, signed from Warta Poznan.

Rafal STROINSKI — Talented 19-year-old who plays in defence or midfield.

Andrzej STRUGAREH — Defender. 25. Joined Lech from Zastal Zielo-Zielona Gora. Began with Lucznik Strzelce Krajenskie.

Leszek PARTYNSKI — Utility player. 22. Product of Sandecja. joined Lech from Radomiak.

Jozef ADAMIEC — Sweeper or midfield. 29/1. Joined Lech from Odra Opole. Played previously for Unia Koloszowski and Malapanew Ozimek. Powerful player with strong shot.

Jerzy KRZYZANOWSKI — Midfield. 28. Product of Pogon Siedlce, joined Lech from Bron Radom. Good with free-kicks.

Janusz KUPCEWICZ — Midfield. 27/19. Has scored five goals for Poland and got nine for Lech last season. The key man.

Jerzy OBLEWSKI — Midfield. 25. Product of Olimpia Kamienna Góra. Joined Lech from Karkonosze. Hard-working player.

Jacek BAK — Right-winger. 21. Quick, good dribbler. Joined Lech in 1982 from Resovia Rzeszów.

Mariusz NIWIADOMSKI — Centre-forward. 24. Good header. Looks like Diego Maradona. Previous Clubs: Gwardia Koszalin and Stilon Gorzow.

Miroslaw OKONSKI — Left-winger. 24/7. Skilful dribbler, good with long-range shots. League's joint-top scorer last season with 15 goals.

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VERNON'S ALMANAC

compiled by Leslie Vernon

ROLL-UP, roll-up, it's Old Almanac time again. I take out the ancient crystal ball and attempt to tell what the coming season holds in store for us.

Last year, my forecasting wasn't too bad, although **Watford** didn't win the Cup, but they finished second in the table, which is, I suppose, just as surprising. In any case, this guessing business must not be taken too seriously, I assure all and sundry that no offence is intended.

September: The first few weeks of the domestic campaign gives cause for a great deal of optimism. Attendances are up on the previous year, and the standard of football is satisfactory. **Glenn Hoddle** settles his differences with **Tottenham.** He will receive £3,000 per week payable into a numbered Swiss bank account, a chauffeur-driven car, and he can select the rest of the team. **Clive Thomas** sends off a player for a blatant professional foul and there is a great deal of furore.

The player's club lodges a protest with the Football League and intimates that they might go as far as a letter to FIFA. Thomas insists on his rights to judge every offence on its merits.

England beat **Denmark** 1-0 in the European Championship, and the victory is hailed as significant.

Bobby Robson says: "Now we have qualified for the Finals, I see no reason why we shouldn't win the European title." **Trevor Brooking** plays his first game for West Ham for a year and looks fit enough to complete the season.

October: **Charlie Nicholas** scores his first goal for **Arsenal** following a goalmouth scramble. "He is worth every penny we spend on him," says **Terry Neill.** There is a live transmission of a League match on BBC TV, and it is considered a flop. The game selected is not up to scratch, viewing figures are not high.

There is a general outcry against the **QPR** pitch. First Division managers complain that it is impossible to play proper football on it, and Rangers' good home record is solely due to their intimate knowledge of their own playing surface.

England draw 0-0 in **Hungary. Peter Shilton** is the man of the match. He says: "There is no reason why I shouldn't carry on as long as **Dino Zoff.** I am feeling fitter than ever."

November: Attendance figures are plummeting to a depth which worries the League chairmen. They call a special meeting to discuss the clubs' financial situation. Despite several new faces, **Chelsea** are in the bottom half of the Second Division. There are rumours that **John Neal** will be sacked and **Tommy Docherty** will be reappointed as manager. **Manchester United** makes a million pounds offer for **Trevor Francis** to **Sampdoria.** The Italian club is willing to sell, but the player would like to stay in Italy. **Liverpool** are leading the First Division, they are just as effective under **Joe Fagan** as they were under Paisley.

December: **England** officially apply to stage the World Cup in 1990, but FIFA decide that the competition should go to Italy.

Aberdeen beat **Hamburg** in the Supercup. "A great British triumph," writes the popular Press. "I am proud of this Scottish victory," answers **Alex Ferguson,** the Aberdeen manager. **Manchester United** make an offer for **Cyrille Regis,** but **WBA** refuse to discuss the transfer at any price.

January: **Watford** are in the mid-table position, and the journalists say that their decline is due to their long-ball tactics. "We are missing Luther Blissett," counters **Graham Taylor.** Blissett in the meantime has a good run with Milan – he leads the Italian goalscorers' list.

The weather is very bad, there are several blank Saturdays due to postponements. The TV coverage of football improves, ITV select a really good match for live transmission. **Manchester United** make an offer for **Kenny Dalglish,** but the player is happy at Liverpool.

February: **Tottenham** are second in the table, they are having a very good season. **Hoddle** is at his best on heavy grounds, and **Ardiles** is playing brilliantly. **Charlie Nicholas** scores his second goal for **Arsenal. Chelsea** are still struggling, but there is no sign of changes at the top.

Manchester City lead the Second Division, **Newcastle** are also in contention for promotion – **Kevin Keegan** is the top scorer in this section. More and more clubs are threatened with bankruptcy – the League Management Committee calls for a special meeting to discuss the situation.

March: The **Clough-Peter Taylor** feud dominates the headlines. **Nottingham Forest** are beaten in the UEFA Cup, and **Brian Clough** says that the defeat was the direct consequence of **John Robertson's** departure to Derby. "Peter Taylor stole him," he says. Taylor threatens court action for slander and libel, Clough welcomes the opportunity to air his grievances in public. It is not a pretty picture . . .

Liverpool win the Milk Cup once again in a Sunday Final in front of a capacity crowd at Wembley. Fagan collects all the praise, and there is a whispering campaign that Bob Paisley's triumphs were due to Fagan's backstage influence. **Manchester United** would like to sign **Alan Sunderland,** but the price is too high.

April: There is a tight finish in every Division, the battle to avoid relegation is especially fierce in the First Division.

Sammy Lee

Brighton make a late run in Division Two, but **Fulham** are out of the picture.

There is a strong contingent of British clubs in the European competitions. **Liverpool, Manchester United, Aberdeen** and **Tottenham** are all in the semi-finals. **West Germany** qualify for the Finals of the European Championship and are the joint favourites, with **France,** to win the trophy.

Burnley are certain of promotion, and their manager **John Bond,** is hailed as a saviour in the north-west. **Charlie Nicholas** scores two goals for **Arsenal,** and the Gunners are in the semi-finals of the Cup.

May: **Liverpool** win the League and European Cup (1-0 in the Final against **Hamburg**). The FA Cup Final is a clash between London neighbours, **Tottenham** and **Arsenal,** and the latter win after a replay. **QPR** are told to roll-up their artificial pitch – the three years' experiment is over. They finish 14th in the League. **Ron Atkinson** says that the club will spend heavily on new players, because the defeat against **Barcelona** in the Cup winners' Cup upset the supporters.

Manchester City, Newcastle and **Leeds** are the three promoted clubs, **Coventry** and **Notts County** are relegated, with **Leicester** once again going back into Division Two. Several players are seriously injured and will not be able to play for **England** in the European Championship Finals. **Wales** are also in the last eight of this competition, and **Mike England** is anticipating a miracle.

Everyone agrees that it has been a very good season, but attendances remained around the 20 million mark, and the clubs' financial situation is still desperate . . .

Aggressive soccer rear head as the marathon

Libertadores Cup History — part 4

IF THE 1966 South American club championship for the Libertadores Cup had been a marathon of 95 games between 17 clubs, the 1967 edition was even longer! writes Eric Weil.

It marked the return of Colombia's teams (with that country's internal difficulties between the FA and league patched up) and also one team from Brazil after clubs from that country had refused to enter the enlarged cup competition the year before because of financial reasons. It resulted in a record number of clubs taking part — 19 — and a record 114 games. Finalists Racing Club (Argentina) and Nacional (Uruguay) played 19 games each before the former took the title.

There were three first round groups composed of five, six and seven clubs respectively playing each other home and away and with clubs in the largest group having to play 12 games each, it was virtually like a league competition.

On top of that, there was little competition. With two teams from each group qualifying for the semi final groups, Brazil's Cruzeiro easily won group one with Universitario (Peru) being comfortable runners-up. The two Argentine clubs, Racing and River Plate, ran away with group two and Nacional (Uruguay) were easy group three winners with the only competition being between the two Chilean teams, Colo Colo and Universidad Catolica for second place.

The first excitement only came in semi final play — in two groups of four and three clubs with 1966 winners Peñarol (Uruguay) joining in — as games were close and Racing had to beat Peru's Universitario 2-1 in a playoff to win their group and qualify for the final, while Nacional won its group by one point ahead of Cruzeiro with cup holders Peñarol bottom a further point behind.

It was hardly surprising therefore that the 1967 competition produced the lowest ever average gate (until then) of 17,335 and this figure was upped considerably by the fact that 140,000 spectators watched the three Racing-Nacional finals. But whatever else the 1967 tournament produced, it certainly wasn't football. The three final clashes were anything but that. Both clubs played the vigorous soccer, mixed with gamesmanship, which proved successful in the tournament and later Racing showed this style to the world in their Intercontinental Cup games against European Cup winners Glasgow Celtic and which resulted in an Argentine club winning that trophy for the first time.

Racing Club were a very ordinary team in 1965, but when one of their former players, Juan José Pizutti, took over at coach he knitted them into a unit, increased their physical training, fitness and dedication and made some tactical changes — notably playing attacking soccer at a time when nearly every other club put the onus on defence.

The following year they set up an Argentine professional soccer record of going through 39 league games without defeat — which still stands — and this wave of success, as well as their attack-minded play in a defence orientated competition, which took opponents by surprise, helped to sweep them through the 1967 Libertadores Cup also. The gamesmanship, rough play, spitting at opponents — as Celtic players found to their cost — was added on the way.

Defender Roberto Perfumo, later Argentina's national team captain, tells how he was frequently the only man in his own half as the rest of the team pressed their rivals into their own half and stopped the possibility of their building up counter-attacks by fouling — which would produce free-kicks against them, but in their opponents' half.

Racing reached the finals by winning 12 of their 16 games (drawing two and losing two) with a 40-12 goals record. The finals were different of course — hard fought, viciously rough. In Buenos Aires, Nacional defended stoutly and Racing could not get through. In Montevideo it was Racing who put up the shutter. The two matches produced enough fouls to last a life-time, but no goals. In the playoff, in Santiago (Chile), both teams had to go for goals of course. Racing attacked more and deservedly won the title 2-1.

Racing players came out of the tournament rich. The final prize was £2,400 each from the club for beating Celtic and a common pool of gifts showered on them from all sides and advertising revenue reached £120,000. But for the club the cost of running professional soccer almost tripled from 1966 (when they did not play in the Libertadores Cup) to 1967, while their income was only just over twice as much. Other clubs knocked out in the earlier stages, after heavy travelling expenses and poor gates, made a loss and the following year a less successful Racing in the Cup also made a loss which mothballed to the stage where the club, 15 years later, has still not recovered.

Racing Club, one of Argentina's so-called big soccer clubs, was almost relegated from the first division last year, its stadium has been closed as unsafe and there is no money for repairs and the players, continually owed wages, train in a public park . . . a tragedy which can be traced right back to their cup success of 1967.

But this was nothing in comparison to what was to follow . . . Estudiantes de La Plata. They became the first club to win the trophy three years in succession, but it brought them nothing in cash and certainly no friends.

Estudiantes, a small club, rose to fame by being an exception. Instead of selling their best players to big clubs, like other small clubs did, they hung on to their third team which had won its division and a few years later, in 1967, they were able to break the monopoly of the big clubs for the first time since the start of professional soccer (in 1931) by winning the first division title. But under coach Osvaldo Zubeldía, theirs was a peculiar brand of soccer — as little play, but as much gamesmanship as possible during the 90 minutes.

The idea was to get opponents off their game by repeated holdups, feigning injuries, arguing with the referee, goading opponents by word or action, anulling the opposition's danger men by injuring them and even spitting at opponents and pricking them with pins. They were exceptionally clever at doing all these things without the referee realising it.

This "game" was successful in the Libertadores Cup and brought them many narrow wins. Rivals could never quite copy their "style", but they tried and the standard of soccer in the competition took another beating.

The point was that Estudiantes — a somewhat ordinary team with no stars which might not have got far with ordinary tactics — might have been just as successful, nevertheless, if they had cut out the "dirty work". In coach Zubeldía they had a tactical brain ahead of his time. His blackboard moves, specially from a dead ball — one reason why the team tried to stop the game as often as possible — were outstanding and invariably successful. In midfielder Carlos Bilardo he had an on-field general who made the "circus" work according to Zubeldía's commands. (Bilardo is today Argentina's national team coach. Zubeldía died from a heart attack last year in Colombia where he was coaching.)

Estudiantes could play good soccer however and showed it in the 1968 finals with Brazilian club Palmeiras. Brilliantly worked out and well executed blackboard moves brought them the required goals and it was good clean football . . . but it was an exception to the rule. We dwell at length on Estudiantes, because they did more than any other club to bring this competition into disrepute and they were mainly responsible for European Cup winners not wanting to play the Libertadores Cup winners for the Intercontinental Cup (now Europe-South America Cup) in later years.

THE FORMAT for the 1968 competition was slightly changed to reduce the number of games — five smaller first round groups of four teams each with the top two of each going into three quarter final groups of three, four and three teams from which the winners went into the semi finals with cup holders Racing (Argentina).

But this was partly offset by the fact that for the first time there was a maximum entry of 21 clubs — two from each South American country plus the previous year's winners — and still 93 games were played.

Estudiantes waltzed through their first round group and did not

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have too much trouble in their quarter final group to reach the semi finals with a record of eight wins, one draw and one defeat and a 16-5 goals record in 10 games although their rough play also produced quite a number of injuries in their own team and they frequently had to line up quite a number of reserves — six in one instance — who fitted into the scheme of things perfectly.

Palmeiras had an identical 8-1-1 record (goals 19-7) in the same number of games, but their small playing staff obliged them to suspend many league games at home — in contrast to Estudinates — during the three-and-a-half months of the cup tournament.

While there were incidents in many of the games, it was nothing to compare with the semi finals between Argentine clubs Estudiantes and cup holders Racing during which soccer again took a back seat. There was more kicking of opponents than the ball and all the Estudiantes "tricks" described beforehand shown by both teams. That only four players from each team were sent off during the three games was merely due to the leniency of the referees who wished to give spectators their money's worth by leaving enough players on the field to make a game of it. Racing won the first leg 2-0, Estudinates won the second 3-0 and the decider ended 1-1 which put Estudinates into the final as, with the team level on points, goals aggregate was counted.

But while the two Argentine teams were "battling" it out in Buenos Aires, Palmeiras beat favoured Peñarol (Uruguay) 1-0 in Sao Paulo in a good game and then went to Montevideo with no ideas of defending their lead. Although Peñarol scored first, Palmeiras won 2-1 to go into the final simply because they played the better "Brazilian style" soccer.

Attack was Palmeiras' best defence, because their rearguard was not too strong, specially in the air. Estudiantes beat them 2-1 at home, but then went down to their heaviest defeat in the competition, 3-1, in Sao Paulo which meant that a draw (after extra time) in the playoff, in Montevideo, would give the Brazilians the title on goals aggregate. But Estudiantes were in top form that day to win 2-0 and the biggest surprise was that the three final games were the best in the competition with some fast flowing soccer of the highest class and few stoppages which at last showed that Estudiantes — perhaps the youngest team that year ever to win the trophy with an average age of 23 — could play good soccer.

1967 RESULTS

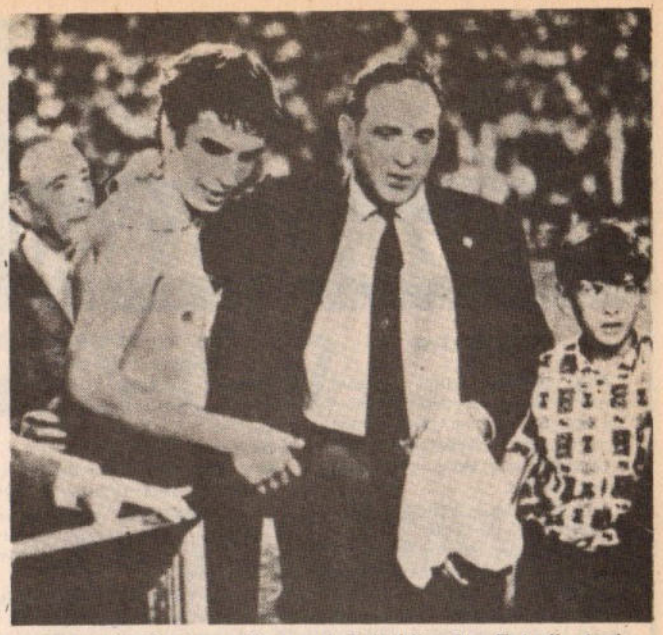
Group 1: Deportivo Italia (Venezuela) — Deportivo Galicia (Venezuela) 1-0 0-0; Universitario (Peru) — Dep. Italia 3-0 1-0; Galicia — Universitario-Sports Boys (Peru) 2-1 0-2; Cruzeiro (Brazil) — Italia 3-0 4-0; Cruzeiro — Galicia 3-1 1-0; Universitario — Sport Boys 1-0 1-0; Sport Boys-Italia 5-2 0-0; Cruzeira-Universitario 4-1 2-2; Sport Boys-Cruzeiro 1-2 1-3.

Group 2: Independiente-Sante Fe (Colombia)-Independiente Medellin (Colombia) 2-0 0-4; Bolivar (Bolivia)-31 de Octubre (Bolivia) 1-0 2-2; Racing Club (Argentina)-River Plate (Argentina) 2-0 0-0; Racing-31 de Octubre 0-3 6-0; River Plate-Bolivar 3-3 2-0; River Plate-31 du Octubre 4-0 7-0; Racing-Medellin 2-0 5-2; Racing-Ind. Sante Fe 4-1 2-1; Ind. Santa Fe-River Plate 2-2 4-0; River Plate-Medellin 6-2 1-0; Racing-Bolivar 6-0 2-0; Bolivar-Medellin 0-2 2-2; Bolivar-Ind. Sante Fe 2-2 2-1; 31 de Octubre-Medellin 1-2 0-3; 31 de Octubre-Ind. Sante Fe 6-2 0-2.

Group 3: Emelce (Ecuador)- Barcelona (Ecuador) 3-0 1-2; Cerro Porteño (Paraguay)-Guarani (Paraguay) 1-0 2-1; Nacional (Uruguay-Emelec 4-1 3-0; Barcelona-Nacional 2-1 0-2; Universidad Catolica (Chile)- Colo Colo (Chile) 5-2 2-4; Emelec-Cerro Porteño 2-1 1-1; Barcelona-Guarani 2-1 1-4; Emelec-Guarani 0-2 0-3; Barcelona-Cerro Porteño 1-2 2-1; Colo Colo-Guarani 1-0 2-4; Colo Colo-Cerro Porteño 5-1 1-0; Universidad Catolica-Guarani 1-1 1-1; Universidad Catolica-Cerro Porteño 3-1 0-1; Universidad Catolica-Nacional 0-0 0-3; Colo Colo-Nacional 3-2 2-5; Emelec-Universidad Catolica 2-1 5-2; Colo Colo-Barcelona 3-2 1-1; Universidad Catolica-Barcelona 2-1 2-0; Colo Colo-Emelec 3-2 3-4; Nacional-Guarani 3-1 1-0; Nacional-Cerro Porteño 4-1 6-2.

GROUP STANDINGS

Group	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cruzeiro (Brazil)	8	7	1	0	22	6	15
Universitario (Peru)	8	5	1	2	11	8	11
Sport Boys (Peru)	8	2	1	5	10	11	5
Dep. Galicia (Venezuela)	8	2	1	5	5	10	5
Dep. Italia (Venezuela)	8	1	2	5	3	16	4



Defender Madero with coach Zubeldia after Estudiantes' 1969 Libertadores Cup win. Madero, even then a qualified doctor, is now team doctor at Boca Juniors. Zubeldia died last year.

Group 2							
Racing Club (Argentina)	10	8	1	1	29	7	17
River Plate (Argentina)	10	6	3	1	29	9	15
Ind. Medellin (Colombia)	10	4	1	5	17	19	9
Bolivar (Bolivia)	10	2	4	4	12	22	8
Ind. Sante Fe (Colombia)	10	2	2	6	13	26	6
31 de Octubre (Bolivia)	10	2	1	7	12	29	5

Group 3							
Nacional (Uruguay)	12	9	1	2	34	12	19
Colo Colo (Chile)	12	7	1	4	30	28	15
Universidad Catolica (Chile)	12	5	3	4	22	18	13
Guarani (Paraguay)	12	4	2	6	18	15	10
Barcelona (Ecuador)	12	4	1	7	14	23	9
Emelec (Ecuador)	12	4	1	7	18	28	9
Cerro Porteño (Paraguay)	12	4	1	7	14	26	9

Semi-final — Group 1: Universitario (Peru)-Colo Colo (Chile) 3-0 1-0; River Plate (Argentina)-Racing Club (Argentina) 0-0 1-3; Colo Colo-River Plate 1-0 1-1; Universitario-Racing 1-2 2-1; River Plate-Universitario 0-1 2-2; Colo Colo-Racing 1-3 0-2; 1st place playoff: Racing 2 Universitario 1.

Group 2: Nacional (Uruguay)-Peñarol (Uruguay) 1-0 2-2; Cruzeiro (Brazil)- Nacional 2-1 0-2; Peñarol-Cruzeiro 0-1 3-2.

Semi-final group standings

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Racing Club (Argentina)*	6	4	1	1	11	5	9
Universitario (Peru)	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
River Plate (Argentina)	6	0	3	3	4	8	3
Colo Colo (Chile)	6	1	1	4	3	10	3

Group 2							
Nacional (Uruguay)	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Cruzeiro (Brazil)	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
Peñarol (Uruguay)	4	1	1	2	5	6	3

*Won play-off.

Finals

Racing Club won 4-2 on points after play-off.

1st leg in Buenos Aires:

RACING CLUB 0 NACIONAL 0

Racing: Cejas, Perfumo, R. Diaz, Martin, Mori, Basile, Martinoli, Rulli, Raffo, J. Rodriguez, Maschio.

Nacional: Dominguez, Manicera, E. Alvarez, Ubiñas, Montero Castillo, Mujica, Esparrago, Viera, Celio. R. Sosa, Urrusmendi.

Ref: Cesar Orozco, Peru; **Att:** 54,704.

2nd leg in Montevideo

NACIONAL 0 RACING CLUB 0

Nacional: Dominguez, Manicera, E. Alvarez, Ubiñas, Montero Castillo, Mujica, Esparrago, Viera, Celio, R.Sosa, Urrusmendi.

Racing: Cejas, Perfumo, R. Diaz, Martin, Mori, Basile, Cardozo, Rulli, Cardenas, Raffo, Maschio.

Ref: Cesar Orozco, Peru; **Att:** 62,000.

Play-off in Santiago de Chile:

RACING CLUB (Cardozo, Raffo) 2
NACIONAL (Esparrago) 1

Racing: Cejas, Perfumo, R. Diaz, Martin, Mori, Basile, Cardozo (Parenti), Rulli, Cardenas, Raffo, Maschio.

Nacional: Dominguez, Manicera, E. Alvarez, Ubiñas, Montero Castillo, Mujica, Urrusmendi, Viera, Celio, Esparrago, Morales (Oyarbide).

Ref: Cesar Orozco, Peru. **Att:** 25,000.

FIXTURES
Switzerland and East Germany

SWITZERLAND

Aug. 10: Bellinzona v Basel; Luzern v Vevey; Neuchâtel Xamax v Servette; St. Gallen v Ch.-de-Fonds; Sion v Lausanne; Wettingen v Grasshoppers; Young Boys v Chiasso; Zürich v Aarau.

Aug. 14: Aarau v Wettingen; Basel v Luzern; Ch.-de-Fonds v Xamax; Chiasso v Vevey; Grasshoppers v St. Gallen; Lausanne v Young Boys; Servette v Zürich; Sion v Bellinzona.

Aug. 20: Bellinzona v Grasshoppers; Luzern v Ch.-de-Fonds; Neuchâtel Xamax v Lausanne; St. Gallen v Basel; Vevey v Aarau; Wettingen v Sion; Young Boys v Servette; Zürich v Chiasso.

Aug. 23: Basel v Young Boys; Ch.-de-Fonds v Zürich; Chiasso v Bellinzona; GC v Neuchâtel Xamax; Lausanne v Vevey; Servette v Aarau; Sion v Luzern; Wettingen v St. Gallen.

Aug. 28: Aarau v Chiasso; Bellinzona v Wettingen; Luzern v Grasshoppers; Neuchâtel Xamax v Basel; St. Gallen v Sion; Vevey v Servette; Young Boys v Ch.-de-Fonds; Zürich v Lausanne.

Sept. 4: Basel v Vevey; Bellinzona v Luzern; Ch.-de-Fonds v Aarau; Grasshoppers v Zürich; Lausanne v Chiasso; Servette v St. Gallen; Sion v Young Boys; Wettingen v Neuchâtel Xamax.

Sept. 17: Aarau v Lausanne; Chiasso v Servette; Luzern v Wettingen; Neuchâtel Xamax v Sion; St. Gallen v Bellinzona; Vevey v Ch.-de-Fonds; Young Boys v Grasshoppers; Zürich v Basel.

Sept. 25: Basel v Chiasso; Bellinzona v Young Boys; Ch.-de-Fonds v Servette; Grasshoppers v Aarau; Lausanne v Luzern; St. Gallen v Neuchâtel Xamax; Sion v Vevey; Wettingen v Zürich.

Oct. 1: Aarau v Basel; Chiasso v Ch.-de-Fonds; Luzern v St. Gallen; Neuchâtel Xamax v Bellinzona; Servette v Lausanne; Vevey v Grasshoppers; Young Boys v Wettingen; Zürich v Sion.

Oct. 4: Basel v Servette; Bellinzona v Zürich; Ch.-de-Fonds v Lausanne; Grasshoppers v Chiasso; Luzern v Neuchâtel Xamax; St. Gallen v Young Boys; Sion v Aarau; Wettingen v Vevey.

Oct. 23: Bellinzona v Vevey; GC v Ch.-de-Fonds; Lausanne v Basel; Neuchâtel Xamax v Zürich; St. Gallen v Aarau; Sion v Chiasso; Wettingen v Servette; Young Boys v Luzern.

Oct. 30: Aarau v Luzern; Basel v Grasshoppers; Ch.-de-Fonds v Sion; Chiasso v St. Gallen; Lausanne v Wettingen; Servette v Bellinzona; Vevey v Neuchâtel Xamax; Zürich v Young Boys.

Nov. 13: Bellinzona v Lausanne; Grasshoppers v Servette; Luzern v Chiasso; Neuchâtel Xamax v Aarau; St. Gallen v Zürich; Sion v Basel; Wettingen v Ch.-de-Fonds; Young Boys v Vevey.

Nov. 20: Aarau v Young Boys; Basel v Wettingen; Ch.-de-Fonds v Bellinzona; Chiasso v Neuchâtel Xamax; Grasshoppers v Sion; Lausanne v St. Gallen; Servette v Luzern; Vevey v Zürich.

Nov. 27: Aarau v Bellinzona; Ch.-de-Fonds v Basel; Chiasso v Wettingen; Lausanne v Grasshoppers; St. Gallen v Vevey; Servette v Sion; Young Boys v Neuchâtel Xamax; Zürich v Luzern.

Feb. 23: Basel v Ch.-de-Fonds; Bellinzona v Aarau; Grasshoppers v Lausanne; Luzern v Zürich; Neuchâtel Xamax v Young Boys; Sion v Servette; Vevey v St. Gallen; Wettingen v Chiasso.

Mar. 4: Bellinzona v Ch.-de-Fonds; Luzern v Servette; Neuchâtel Xamax v Chiasso; St. Gallen v Lausanne; Sion v Grasshoppers; Wettingen v Basel; Young Boys v Aarau; Zürich v Vevey.

Mar. 11: Aarau v Neuchâtel Xamax; Basel v Sion; Ch.-de-Fonds v Wettingen; Chiasso v Luzern; Lausanne v Bellinzona; Servette v Grasshoppers; Vevey v Young Boys; Zürich v St. Gallen.

Mar. 18: Bellinzona v Servette; Grasshoppers v Basel; Luzern v Aarau; Neuchâtel Xamax v Vevey; St. Gallen v Chiasso; Sion v Ch.-de-Fonds; Wettingen v Lausanne; Young Boys v Zürich.

Mar. 25: Aarau v St. Gallen; Basel v Lausanne; Ch.-de-Fonds v Grasshoppers; Chiasso v Sion; Luzern v Young Boys; Servette v Wettingen; Vevey v Bellinzona; Zürich v Neuchâtel Xamax.

Apr. 4: Aarau v Sion; Chiasso v Grasshoppers; Lausanne v Ch.-de-Fonds; Neuchâtel Xamax v Luzern; Servette v Basel; Vevey v Wettingen; Young Boys v St. Gallen; Zürich v Bellinzona.

Apr. 8: Basel v Aarau; Bellinzona v Neuchâtel Xamax; Ch.-de-Fonds v Chiasso; Grasshoppers v Vevey; Lausanne v Servette; St. Gallen v Luzern; Sion v Zürich; Wettingen v Young Boys.

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Apr. 15: Aarau v Grasshoppers; Chiasso v Basel; Luzern v Lausanne; Neuchâtel Xamax v St. Gallen; Servette v Ch.-de-Fonds; Vevey v Sion; Young Boys v Bellinzona; Zürich v Wettingen.

Apr. 29: Basel v Zürich; Bellinzona v St. Gallen; Ch.-de-Fonds v Vevey; Grasshoppers v Young Boys; Lausanne v Aarau; Servette v Chiasso; Sion v Neuchâtel Xamax; Wettingen v Luzern.

May 5: Aarau v Ch.-de-Fonds; Chiasso v Lausanne; Luzern v Bellinzona; Neuchâtel Xamax v Wettingen; St. Gallen v Servette; Vevey v Basel; Young Boys v Sion; Zürich v Grasshoppers.

May 12: Basel v Neuchâtel Xamax; Ch.-de-Fonds v Young Boys; Chiasso v Aarau; Grasshoppers v Luzern; Lausanne v Zürich; Servette v Vevey; Sion v St. Gallen; Wettingen v Bellinzona.

May 15: Aarau v Servette; Bellinzona v Chiasso; Luzern v Sion; Neuchâtel Xamax v GC; St. Gallen v Wettingen; Vevey v Lausanne; Young Boys v Basel; Zürich v Ch.-de-Fonds.

May 20: Aarau v Vevey; Basel v St. Gallen; Ch.-de-Fonds v Luzern; Chiasso v Zürich; Grasshoppers v Bellinzona; Lausanne v Neuchâtel Xamax; Servette v Young Boys; Sion v Wettingen.

May 26: Bellinzona v Sion; Luzern v Basel; Neuchâtel Xamax v Ch.-de-Fonds; St. Gallen v Grasshoppers; Vevey v Chiasso; Wettingen v Aarau; Young Boys v Lausanne; Zürich v Servette.

May 29: Aarau v Zürich; Basel v Bellinzona; Ch.-de-Fonds v St. Gallen; Chiasso v Young Boys; Grasshoppers v Wettingen; Lausanne v Sion; Servette v Neuchâtel Xamax; Vevey v Luzern.

EAST GERMANY

Aug. 13: FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt v FC Hansa Rostock; BFC Dynamo v Wismut Aue; Stahl Riesa v 1. FC Lok Leipzig; FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder v HFC Chemie; Chemie Leipzig v Dynamo Dresden; FC Karl-Marx-Stadt v 1. FC Union Berlin; FC Carl Zeiss Jena v 1. FC Magdeburg.

Aug. 20: 1. FC Magdeburg v FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt; 1. FC Union Berlin v FC Carl Zeiss Jena; Dynamo Dresden v FC Karl-Marx-Stadt; HFC Chemie v Chemie Leipzig; 1. FC Lok Leipzig v FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder; Wismut Aue v Stahl Riesa; FC Hansa Rostock v BFC Dynamo.

Aug. 27: BFC Dynamo v FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt; Stahl Riesa v FC Hansa Rostock; FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder v Wismut Aue; Chemie Leipzig v 1. FC Lok Leipzig; FC Karl-Marx-Stadt v HFC Chemie; FC Carl Zeiss Jena v Dynamo Dresden; 1. FC Magdeburg v 1. FC Union Berlin.

Sept. 2: FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt v 1. FC Union Berlin; Dynamo Dresden v 1. FC Magdeburg; 1. FC Chemie v FC Carl Zeiss Jena; 1. FC Lok Leipzig v FC Karl-Marx-Stadt; Wismut Aue v. Chemie Leipzig; FC Hansa Rostock v FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder; BFC Dynamo v Stahl Riesa.

Sept. 10: Stahl Riesa v FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt; FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder v BFC Dynamo; Chemie Leipzig v FC Hansa Rostock; FC Karl-Marx-Stadt v Wismut Aue; FC Carl Zeiss Jena v 1. FC Lok Leipzig; 1. FC Magdeburg v HFC Chemie; 1. FC Union Berlin v Dynamo Dresden.

Sept. 24: FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt v Dynamo Dresden; HFC Chemie v 1. FC Union Berlin; 1. FC Lok Leipzig v 1. FC Magdeburg; Wismut Aue v FC Carl Zeiss Jena; FC Hansa Rostock v FC Karl-Marx-Stadt; BFC Dynamo v Chemie Leipzig; Stahl Riesa v FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder.

Oct. 1: FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder v FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt; Chemie Leipzig v Stahl Riesa; FC Karl-Marx-Stadt v BFC Dynamo; FC Carl Zeiss Jena v FC Hansa Rostock; 1. FC Magdeburg v. Wismut Aue; 1. FC Union Berlin v 1. FC Lok Leipzig; Dynamo Dresden v HFC Chemie.

Oct. 22: FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt v HFC Chemie; 1. FC Lok Leipzig v Dynamo Dresden; Wismut Aue v 1. FC Union Berlin; FC Hansa Rostock v 1. FC Magdeburg; BFC Dynamo v FC Carl Zeiss Jena; Stahl Riesa v FC Karl-Marx-Stadt; FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder v Chemie Leipzig.

Nov. 5: Chemie Leipzig v FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt; FC Karl-Marx-Stadt v FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder; FC Carl Zeiss Jena v Stahl Riesa; 1. FC Magdeburg v BFC Dynamo; 1. FC Union Berlin v FC Hansa Rostok; Dynamo Dresden v Wismut Aue; HFC Chemie v 1. FC Lok Leipzig.

Nov. 19: FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt v 1. FC Lok Leipsig; Wismut Aue v HFC Chemie; FC Hansa Rostock v Dynamo Dresden; BFC Dynamo v 1. FC Union Berlin; Stahl Riesa v 1. FC Magdeburg; FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder v FC Carl Zeiss Jena; Chemie Leipzig v FC Karl-Marx-Stadt.

Nov. 26: FC Karl-Marx-Stadt v FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt; FC Carl Zeiss Jena v Chemie Leipzig; 1. FC Magdeburg v FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder; 1. FC Union Berlin v Stahl Riesa; Dynamo Dresden v BFC Dynamo; HFC Chemie v FC Hansa Rostock; 1. FC Lok Leipzig v Wismut Aue.

Dec. 10: FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt v Wismut Aue; FC Hansa Rostock v 1. FC Lok Leipzig; BFC Dynamo v HFC Chemie; Stahl Riesa v Dynamo Dresden; FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder v 1. FC Union Berlin; Chemie Leipzig v 1. FC Magdeburg; FC Karl-Marx-Stadt v FC Carl Zeiss Jena.

Dec. 17: FC Carl Zeiss Jena v FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt; 1. FC Magdeburg v FC Karl-Marx-Stadt; 1. FC Union Berlin v Chemie Leipzig; Dynamo Dresden v FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder; HFC Chemie v Stahl Riesa; 1. FC Lok Leipzig v BFC Dynamo; Wismut Aue v FC Hansa Rostock.

Memory Lane

Lev Yashin . . . 20 years on

IT WAS 20 years ago that Lev Yashin kept goal for The Rest of the World against England at Wembley. Yet his life today is still in football . . .

For Lev Yashin it was the start of another working day on a sunny April morning. We met in his first-floor office in the USSR Sports Committee building — just opposite Moscow's central Lenin stadium. Today Lev Ivanovich heads the soccer section of the Sports Committee which supervises domestic sporting events and organises Soviet teams' trips abroad.

At 53 Yashin looks very fit for his age. The greying side-burns and lines on his forehead tell their own story — that of the life of the longest-playing goalkeeper in Soviet soccer history. It has been said that he was the best goalkeeper of all time.

As seen by Yashin, goalkeeper is and always has been the most important and demanding position on the team.

He says "I am not saying this because I was a goalkeeper, but because just one or two mistakes on the part of the keeper in an important match can write off months and possibly years of training of the whole team. A poor performance by the keeper should not be taken as a reflection on the team as a whole.

Brilliant

"A goalkeeper must not only try as hard as any other player, but he also must help his team out in a tight spot. Dasayev, for instance, played well in Spain, but his performances cannot be called brilliant. He could have saved our team from defeat in the match with Brazil, where two goals were scored from outside the penalty area.

"This is not to say that all balls hit from over 20 metres can be saved: every situation is different. What a goalkeeper must do is concentrate throughout the 90 minutes of the game. The strain of the match is not so much physical as psychological.

"The comparatively low level of physical stress allows goalkeepers to continue playing for a long time. Take Dino Zoff who has only just retired at 41. One cannot specify the age until which a goalkeeper may stay on, it depends entirely on the individual.

Experience

"The general rule is, however, that with time comes experience. A midfield player may reach his peak by the time he is 24 or 25. A goalkeeper can continue improving into his late 20s or early 30s. The key factor is experience."

Yashin's career began in 1948 while he was doing his military service. He was spotted during at match at Moscow's Dynamo stadium by Arkady Chernyshov who was the Dynamo youth team trainer. The following year Yashin was moved up into the main team as reserve goalkeeper to "Tiger" Alexei Khomich.

After a particularly unsatisfying season, Yashin tried his hand in ice-hockey — the winter substitute for soccer in the Soviet Union. In ice-hockey Yashin won his first medals and it was in the Dynamo hockey team that he captured his first USSR Cup. But in 1953 a choice had to be made between ice-hockey and football. Yashin chose the latter and from 1954 he was playing for the national team.

By the time he retired in 1967 Yashin had won 78 caps. In 1956 he played at the Melbourne Olympics in which his team took the gold medals. But his most memorable season was 1958 when he played in the World Cup in Sweden.

He still remembers playing against an England team who included Billy Wright and the formidable centre-forward Derek Kevan. Another match Yashin remembers is the quarter-final against Brazil.

Formidable

He says: "With such stars as Milton Santos, Didi and Garrincha they made up a very formidable side. Garrincha scored both goals (Brazil won 2-0), but were we to have to play the same game again, I would not have chosen a different set of defenders — Krizhersky, Kesarev and Kuznetsov. That was also the first international game in the career of 17-year-old Pele, but our defence did well in keeping him at bay."

In 1963 Yashin was named best European Footballer of the Year, the only occasion on which the trophy was awarded to a goalkeeper.

The highlight of Yashin's career came when he was selected to play for the FIFA World team at Wembley. Although the game was lost 2-1, for Yashin recalls that despite lanugage barriers, all the world players understood one another perfectly.

Prompting

"When bringing the ball into play I never once had to search around for an opening: someone was always ready and in position. Nobody needed any prompting — every player knew his exact place on the pitch. I was sorry when half-time came, because as 18 players were selected for the squad and all had to be given a chance to play, my turn in the goal was over.

"In my early days, English soccer was the kind one admired.

"The individual performance of English players was always of an extremely high standard. Greaves and Bobby Charlton are just two of the players with whom I associate the old 'romantic' football. The game today is much tougher, more athletic, more brutal. The speed of thought demanded of an attacker has risen tremendously. Nevertheless, the football of the 1950s and 1960s although slower, was much more spectacular; possibly that is why it remains more dear to me and to the spectators. It was indeed a wonderful time."

Nicholas Louis

CELTIC BUNGLE McNEILL AFFAIR

from Alex Gordon

IF Desmond White and his Board of faceless directors had detonated an atomic warhead under the main stand at Parkhead they couldn't have made a bigger mess than their mind-numbing handling of the Billy McNeill affair.

When the smoke cleared, tight-fisted Celtic, who publicly announced they had no intention of giving McNeill a contract; had lost a loyal, able servant and a magnificently successful manager.

Manchester City, still reeling after relegation to the English Second Division, suddenly found themselves with a go-ahead young team boss proudly acclaimed by Maine Road supremo Peter Swales as being the best in Britain now that the astonishing Bob Paisley had retired at Liverpool.

This sensational move of McNeill to England from the club he served for 25 of his 43 years isn't all about money. IT'S ABOUT PRIDE.

His treatment from the Celtic board was shabby to say the least. The laws of libel prevent me from elaborating.

McNeill, on a basic salary of a paltry £21,000-per-year, asked for a rise and the security of a contract. He certainly deserved both. Take a swift look at his record since becoming manager of Celtic in '78.

In five years he took them to the Premier Division championship three times and threw in victories in the Scottish Cup and the league Cup for good measure. On the two occasions when Celtic didn't win the title under McNeill's management they were only a point adrift at the end of the day to victors Aberdeen three years ago and Dundee United last season.

The manager at Dundee United is a certain Jim McLean. He has been there over a decade, won the League once and the League Cup twice. His reward for those successes was a place on the Board and a job for life!

It must be emphasised that McNeill took over the worst Celtic outfit in years when he arrived five years ago from Aberdeen. They had just completed a barren season, hadn't even clinched a place in Europe and every team in the Premier Division with the curious exception of Dundee United had beaten them at least once. Yes, even Clydebank took three goals off them in a League game!

That particular team was going nowhere but down. McNeill arrived, didn't waste time looking for sympathy from interested onlookers and set about breathing new life into the line-up.

He refused to go thoroughly berserk in the transfer market. Desmond White's taut purse strings were never put under any great strain. In his first season McNeill bought only two players — Davie Provan (£125,000 from Kilmarnock) and Murdo MacLeod (£100,000 from Dumbarton).

The team rose from the obscurity and anonymity of the previous season to emerge as champions of Scotland. It was a breathtaking revival.

McNeill was to spend wisely in his other four short years as the Celtic manager. He paid out £275,000 for Frank McGarvey from Liverpool and a meagre £60,000 brought in utility player Graeme Sinclair from Dumbarton.

His only failure in the transfer market was the unexpected flop of centre-back Willie Garner, a £40,000 buy from Aberdeen. The unfortunate Garner scored two own goals in his debut game for Celtic in a League Cup-tie against St Mirren and he never recovered from that black start. In his two other first team appearances Celtic also lost — to St Johnstone and Hibs — and his confidence was so badly shaken that McNeill had little option but to free the player two seasons ago.

But look at the money — and the green stuff is obviously very important down Parkhead way — that McNeill took in for players. Roy Baines, Johannes Edvaldsson, Ronnie Glavin, Joe Craig, Paul Wilson, Roddie MacDonald, Jim Casey, Alan Sneddon and others were sold over the five years to keep the cash rolling in.

Just a week before his controversial departure, McNeill bought teenager striker Brian McClair from Motherwell for £100,000 and that transfer meant he had paid out exactly £700,000 in revamping the line-up, making the team successful and maintaining the high standards one expects of the club.

My goodness, that figure of £700,000 spread over five years is still £300,000 short of the loss Manchester City realised in one player — Kevin Reeves, the much-vaunted striker who arrived in a £1 million-plus deal from Norwich and has now been sold to Third Division Burnley for just over £100,000.

If McNeill can balance the books at Maine Road the way he did at Parkhead he'll be offered a knighthood by Peter Swales never mind a contract!

Why, then, did Celtic allow this excellent club servant to leave under such a dark cloud? Why was the final break of the marriage such a bitter one?

There are always stories behind stories and this is most definitely not a rare exception. Did the Celtic Board take the huff with their manager because he had spoken to an English Second Division side? Quite possibly they did.

But who can blame McNeill for looking for security? He had lost something in the region of £100,000 in a disastrous business deal and cash, as you would expect, was a crucial commodity.

He wasn't putting a gun at the head of the Celtic directors when he had talks with Peter Swales. McNeill was simply exploring different avenues. There was no doubt that even at that time his heart was still at Celtic Park.

The handling of his request — it was never a demand — for a pay increase and a contract was utterly disgusting. The club, under no pressure, issued a public statement saying they had unanimously rejected McNeill's double appeal.

Celtic fans blinked in astonishment. Could their great favourites, founded, remember, as a charitable organisation in 1888, be really maltreating McNeill in this way?

When Celtic issued that statement they lost their manager. McNeill had been backed into a corner. A man with no pride may have accepted the sad position and got on with the job. If the Celtic board thought that of McNeill they knew nothing of their manager.

McNeill lamented: "I know exactly where I stand with the club."

The following day he motored south with his wife Liz to have more talks with Swales at the City chairman's luxurious home in Cheshire. Again the offer of a three-year contract was made with a basic salary of just under £40,000. This time McNeill had no desire or reason to decline.

Celtic, so out-of-touch, DID make an offer to McNeill of a pay rise. They offered a basic £25,000-per-year plus bonuses which would probably have taken it over the Manchester City figure if the Parkhead men had been successful, and with McNeill at the helm that was always a distinct possibility.

Their timing, like everything else in this sad, sordid affair, was crazy. It was a bit like Adolf Hitler, in his bunker, announcing to everyone that World War II was just a joke and we should forget the whole thing.

McNeill, even after what he has been through, still loves Celtic although I have grave doubts if that passion extends to anyone on the present Parkhead board.

Tall, blond and commanding, McNeill has emerged from the entire chapter with his dignity intact. The Celtic board, who even made public deals with their manager which should have remained confidential, emerged with not so much egg on their faces but totally covered in that other well-known commodity that farmers might kindly refer to as fertiliser.

I mean, who on earth is one bit interested that McNeill still owed them £11,000 on an interest-free loan?

Twenty-five years of toil and triumph, of success and sorrow, of wins and worries went down the drain inside the space of one week and left McNeill more than just a little bit bewildered. And who could blame him?

Celtic, by now getting quite adept at handling things in a disastrous manner, eventually announced that another former player, Davie Hay, would be McNeill's successor and the sixth manager of the club. The Parkhead side made this announcement about five days after everyone in Scotland knew of the fact.

Obviously there will be immense, intense pressure on 35-year-old Hay, who immediately acknowledged that he was following in the footsteps of a legend. And it's going to be a tough act to follow.

The Celtic management, for some obscure reason, completely underestimated the affection the Parkhead supporters had for McNeill. It appeared to be clear to football

Billy McNeill

fans from Poland to Portugal, from Brazil to the Bahamas, but it was lost on them. Mesmerising is the only word for it.

But McNeill, loyal as ever, has already gone on record as saying he will do anything within his power to help the new Celtic manager. McNeill says: "Davie Hay only has to lift the telephone. I'll do all I can."

It's a genuine offer from a genuine human being and Davie Hay, a former team-mate of McNeill, realises that.

This season will be one of the most important in the 95-year history of the club which has been the best supported team in Scotland for many years.

There was a great sense of disappointment at the end of the season when personality player Charlie Nicholas upped and left for a few dollars more with Arsenal. He had been a first team player for a mere two-and-a-half seasons. His loyalty did not extend beyond that.

McNeill, who once had the opportunity to sign for Spurs in the 'sixties before they bought Mike England from Blackburn Rovers, showed a lot more loyalty as a player and as a manager. But loyalty provided no protection when the knife was turned.

John Clark, McNeill's assistant and fellow-colleague when Celtic became the first British club to conquer Europe in 1967, was also chopped in the backroom sumersault. Celtic said something about Clark "leaving the club by mutual consent," but, to all intents and purposes, he was sacked to make way for a new assistant, Frank Connor.

Clark could only shake his head sadly and ask of no one in particular: "What did I do wrong?"

There was no answer. There could be no answer. He was a victim of circumstances.

A lot has also been made of McNeill's clashes with authority and certainly there was one frightening moment last season when he had a face-to-face confrontation with referee Andrew Waddell during a stormy League encounter against Aberdeen at Parkhead where some of the official's decisions were baffling.

McNeill, charged with emotion, leapt from the dug-out at one point after another rather strange decision. Okay, it's not the done thing, but no one's perfect. Well, with the possible exception of the men who sit on the Celtic board!

There has also been talk of McNeill's bust-up with a journalist. Again, it's not the way Celtic expected their manager to behave, but they seem to have allowed this solitary affair to explode out of all proportion. I don't have the best temperament in the world, God didn't bless me with an awful lot of patience, sadly, but if I did blow a fuse just once I wouldn't expect to pay for it for the rest of my life.

Anyway, I know quite a few fellow-journalists I could quite happily strangle if I thought I could get away with it!

Davie Hay is a quiet man who deserves all the luck in the world in his efforts to restore Celtic's image which, without beating about the bush or being too dramatic, is in tatters.

Aberdeen and Dundee United have never been stronger and Rangers have spent massively in the past year or so bringing players such as Craig Paterson, Sandy Clark and Ally McCoist to the club.

Hay, with only one year with Motherwell in the First Division as his managerial pedigree, may be heading for the electric chair rather than a hot seat. Dismay, disappointment, dejection and, of course, disbelief are just some of the emotions experienced by Celtic followers in a startling close season.

Desmond White says he still firmly believes fans will still follow the green and white colours. Yes, I believe some supporters would gladly sell their children to get cash to continue their devotion of the club, but there will be others who will assuredly turn their back on Celtic.

A few Celtic fans of my acquaintance have already insisted they will not return and I have no desire to question their word. I've even received telephone calls from RANGERS fans expressing sympathy at the way Celtic treated Billy McNeill.

It's over now. The full-stop has now been put at the end of a sorry chapter in the history of a great club.

I wish McNeill every success in English football. He will work hard for the Maine Road club and Peter Swales has got himself a sensible, dedicated professional. I have the feeling that Billy McNeill will be back in Scotland some day . . . as manager of the international team.

The Celtic board? They feel the Press have been too harsh in their criticism of them. They believe there has been slanted reporting.

What happens if Celtic have a dismal season? They haven't heard anything yet . . .

Hay, of course, is honoured at following Willie Maley, Jimmy McStay, Jimmy McGrory, Jock Stein and Billy McNeill. Only six managers in 95 years is an honourable statistic. How strange that half that total should have been in charge in just six years!

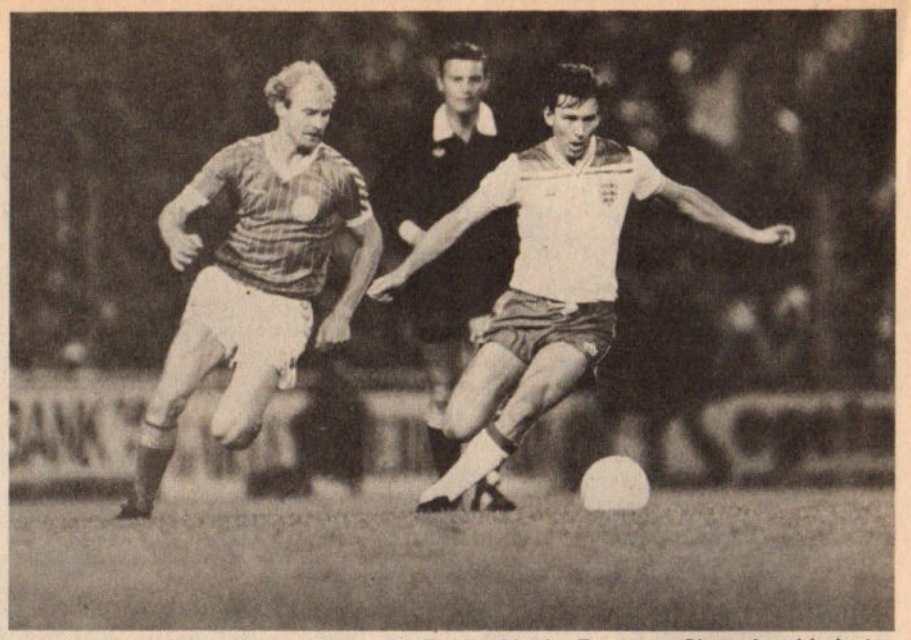
Hay, undoubtedly, will remain with the Parkhead tradition of attacking play. Things may come and go at Celtic Park with breathtaking speed, but that will never change.

What a pity about the Billy McNeill conflict. It's something the club could have well lived without. A bit of balanced thinking would have prevented it.

If Celtic are sincerely looking for a manager who will say nothing controversial, behave as a perfect gentleman at all times, refuse to let off a little steam after the referee has chalked off a perfectly ligitimate winning goal in the last minute, have nothing to do with four-letter words or even walk on the cracks in the pavement I suppose there is one man for them.

I wonder, though, if The Pope will be able to fit managing Celtic into his schedule. . . .

From Jim Holden



Action from Denmark's 2-2 draw with England in the European Championship last September — with Bryan Robson harried by Lars Bastrup.

Denmark are full of hope

DENMARK come to Wembley on September 21 with their tails up, knowing a win would virtually guarantee a place in the European Championship finals next summer.

Just a draw would leave them favourites to qualify ahead of England, one point behind, but with a game in hand.

The fans and players know it will be tough, but for almost the first time there is belief as well as hope that the team is good enough.

Are these unmerited beliefs, though, for a nation which has known no footballing glory in the history of professional soccer?

Emphatically not — and the reason is clear — the host of talented players they now possess.

The names are well known on the European scene.

Allan Simonsen, Frank Arnesen, of Valencia, Søren Lerby and Jesper Olsen, of Ajax, Morten Olsen and Kenneth Brylle, of Anderlecht, Michael Laudrup, with Lazio, and Lars Bastrup, tormentor of Juventus in Athens with Hamburg.

Selection

None would look out of place in the England side.

Denmark has never had so many fine footballers all at once. And most are available for selection by manager Sepp Piontek, a former West German international.

In fact, if all are available Piontek would have the unheard-of problem of deciding who to leave out.

Many are running into form. Jesper Olsen regained his vital zip in the 3-1 home defeat of Hungary after a bleak winter and spring period.

He scored one and was fouled for the penalty in another after coming on as substitute when the score was 1-1. Notice that Preben Elkjaer-Larsen, scorer of the sizzling 25-yard opener at Idraetsparken that day, is not even among the forwards listed earlier.

Larsen always teams up well in the penalty box with Bastrup, who is now recovered from the "gentle" punishment of Gentile.

Domestic

But if both play, what of Allan Simonsen, now rediscovering form with his first club Vejle, having returned to the domestic Danish league. Crowds in Denmark are flocking to see their old hero, Denmark's only European Footballer of the Year.

And what of Michael Laudrup, now gone to Italy after putting boyhood club Brondby into third place in the league at the season's half-time break.

Laudrup has been signed by Juventus, but with Platini and Boniek still on the books has been loaned to promoted Lazio for a year.

The problem for Denmark at Wembley, though, will as always be in defence.

Morten Olsen, at full-back, cannot do all the work, and whoever is picked in goal from among many candidates will inspire little confidence.

The message for the Danes is clear — attack.

It will be a double-edged sword at Wembley, but now there is confidence the job can be done.

And remember, last time they came the score was only 0-1, to a Keegan goal.

The domestic league is buoyant, too, thanks partly to the success of the national side.

Crowds are up at the halfway stage, a record day attendance of 44,940 being recorded on May 29.

Better football is being played — and the fine weather has helped.

Team of the moment are Lyngby, who head the table by a point from last season's champions, OB of Odense.

They have 21 points and are also top-scorers with 35 goals.

Eleven have come from the season's find, Michael Lyng, outshining — just — young rival Michael Laudrup.

But Lyngby lead by five points after 13 games and may live to regret the last two defeats before the break.

OB look ominously in form, beating fourth-placed AGF, of Aarhus 3-1 before a season's best crowd for them of 13,886 on the last day.

Best crowd overall of the season was at AGF when Simonsen's Vejle visited, the gate 20,000.

Peter Shilton

European Championship

Preliminary Round

Group 1

6.10.82	Belgium — Switzerland	3-0
13.10.82	Scotland — E. Germany	2-0
17.11.82	Switzerland — Scotland	2-0
15.12.82	Belgium — Scotland	3-2
30. 3.83	Scotland — Switzerland	2-2
30. 3.83	E. Germany — Belgium	1-2
27. 4.83	Belgium — E. Germany	2-1
14. 5.83	Switzerland — E. Germany	0-0
12.10.83	Scotland — Belgium	
12.10.83	E. Germany — Switzerland	
9.11.83	Switzerland — Belgium	
16.11.83	E. Germany — Scotland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	4	4	0	0	10	4	8
Switzerland	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Scotland	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
E. Germany	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

Group 2

8. 9.82	Finland — Poland	2-3
22. 9.82	Finland — Portugal	0-2
10.10.82	Portugal — Poland	2-1
13.10.82	USSR — Finland	2-0
17. 4.83	Poland — Finland	1-1
27. 4.83	USSR — Portugal	5-0
22. 5.83	Poland — USSR	1-1
1. 6.83	Finland — USSR	0-1
21. 9.83	Portugal — Finland	
9.10.83	USSR — Poland	
28.10.83	Poland — Portugal	
13.11.83	Portugal — USSR	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	4	3	1	0	9	1	7
Poland	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Portugal	3	2	0	1	4	6	4
Finland	5	0	1	4	3	9	1

Group 3

22. 9.82	Denmark — England	2-2
9.10.82	Luxembourg — Greece	0-2
10.11.82	Luxembourg — Denmark	1-2
17.11.82	Greece — England	0-3
15.12.82	England — Luxembourg	9-0
27. 3.83	Luxembourg — Hungary	2-6
30. 3.83	England — Greece	0-0
16. 4.83	Hungary — Luxembourg	6-2
27. 4.83	England — Hungary	2-0
27. 4.83	Denmark — Greece	1-0
15. 5.83	Hungary — Greece	2-3
1. 6.83	Denmark — Hungary	3-1
21. 9.83	England — Denmark	
12.10.83	Hungary — England	
12.10.83	Denmark — Luxembourg	
26.10.83	Hungary — Denmark	
16.11.83	Greece — Denmark	
16.11.83	Luxembourg — England	
3.12.83	Greece — Hungary	
14.12.83	Greece — Luxembourg	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	16	2	8
Denmark	4	3	1	0	8	4	7
Greece	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Hungary	5	2	0	3	15	12	4
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

Group 4

22. 9.82	Wales — Norway	1-0
13.10.82	Norway — Yugoslavia	3-1
27.10.82	Bulgaria — Norway	2-2
17.11.82	Bulgaria — Yugoslavia	0-1
15.12.82	Yugoslavia — Wales	4-4
27. 4.83	Wales — Bulgaria	1-0
7. 9.83	Norway — Bulgaria	
21. 9.83	Norway — Wales	
12.10.83	Yugoslavia — Norway	
16.11.83	Bulgaria — Wales	
14.12.83	Wales — Yugoslavia	
21.12.83	Yugoslavia — Bulgaria	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	3	2	1	0	6	4	5
Norway	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

Group 5

1. 5.82	Romania — Cyprus	3-1
8. 9.82	Romania — Sweden	2-0
6.10.82	Czech — Sweden	2-2
13.11.82	Italy — Czech	2-2
13.11.82	Cyprus — Sweden	0-1
4.12.82	Italy — Romania	0-0
12. 2.83	Cyprus — Italy	1-1
27. 3.83	Cyprus — Czech	1-1
16. 4.83	Romania — Italy	1-0
16. 4.83	Czech — Cyprus	6-0
15. 5.83	Sweden — Cyprus	5-0
15. 5.83	Romania — Czech	0-1
26. 5.83	Sweden — Italy	2-0
9. 6.83	Sweden — Romania	0-1
21. 9.83	Sweden — Czech	
15.10.83	Italy — Sweden	
12.11.83	Cyprus — Romania	
16.11.83	Czech — Italy	
30.11.83	Czech — Romania	
22.12.83	Italy — Cyprus	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	6	4	1	1	7	2	9
Czechoslovakia	5	2	3	0	12	5	7
Sweden	6	3	1	2	10	5	7
Italy	5	0	3	2	3	6	3
Cyprus	6	0	2	4	3	17	2

Group 6

22. 9.82	Austria — Albania	5-0
13.10.82	Austria — N. Ireland	2-0
27.10.82	Turkey — Albania	1-0
17.11.82	N. Ireland — W. Germany	1-0
17.11.82	Austria — Turkey	4-0
15.12.82	Albania — N. Ireland	0-0
30. 3.83	N. Ireland — Turkey	2-1
30. 3.83	Albania — W. Germany	1-2
23. 4.83	Turkey — W. Germany	0-3
27. 4.83	Austria — W. Germany	0-0
27. 4.83	N. Ireland — Albania	1-0
12. 5.83	Albania — Turkey	1-1
8. 6.83	Albania — Austria	1-2
21. 9.83	N. Ireland — Austria	
5.10.83	W. Germany — Austria	
12.10.83	Turkey — N. Ireland	
26.10.83	W. Germany — Turkey	
16.11.83	W. Germany — N. Ireland	
16.11.83	Turkey — Austria	
20.11.83	W. Germany — Albania	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	5	4	1	0	13	1	9
N. Ireland	5	3	1	1	4	3	7
W. Germany	4	2	1	1	5	2	3
Turkey	5	1	1	3	3	10	3
Albania	6	0	2	4	3	11	2

Group 7

5. 6.82	Malta — Iceland	2-1
1. 9.82	Iceland — Holland	1-1
22. 9.82	Holland — Rep. Ireland	2-1
13.10.82	Rep. Ireland — Iceland	2-0
27.10.82	Spain — Iceland	1-0
17.11.82	Rep. Ireland — Spain	3-3
19.12.82	Malta — Holland	0-6
16. 2.83	Spain — Holland	1-0
30. 3.83	Malta — Rep. Ireland	0-1
27. 4.83	Spain — Rep. Ireland	2-0
15. 5.83	Malta — Spain	2-3
29. 5.83	Iceland — Spain	0-1
5. 6.83	Iceland — Malta	1-0
7. 9.83	Holland — Iceland	
21. 9.83	Iceland — Rep. Ireland	
12.10.83	Rep. Ireland — Holland	
16.11.83	Holland — Spain	
16.11.83	Rep. Ireland — Malta	
17.12.83	Holland — Malta	
21.12.83	Spain — Malta	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	1	0	11	5	11
Holland	4	2	1	1	9	3	5
Rep. Ireland	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Iceland	6	1	1	4	7	7	3
Malta	5	1	0	4	4	12	2

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP 1. — Belgium 0, Switzerland 0 — Scotland 2, E. Germany 0 — Switzerland 3, Scotland 4 — Belgium 1, Scotland 2 — Scotland 2 Switzerland 1 — E. Germany 2, Belgium 1 — Belgium 4, E. Germany 2 — Switzerland 5, E. Germany 6.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	4	4	0	0	10	5	8
E. Germany	4	2	0	2	10	12	4
Belgium	4	1	1	2	6	6	3
Switzerland	4	0	1	3	9	12	1

GROUP 2. — Sov. Union 1, Poland 1 — Finland 0, Poland 0 — Finland 1, Portugal 1 — Portugal 1, Poland 0 — Sov. Union 2, Finland 2 — Poland 4, Finland 0 — Sov. Union 1, Portugal 1 — Poland 2, Sov. Union 1 — Finland 0, Sov. Union 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	5	2	2	1	7	3	6
Sov. Union	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Portugal	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Finland	5	0	3	2	3	8	3

GROUP 3. — Denmark 1, England 4 — Greece 1, England 0 — England 2, Greece 1 — Denmark 1, Greece 1 — England 1, Hungary 0 — Hungary 1, Greece 1 — Denmark 2, Hungary 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	3	0	1	7	3	6
Greece	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Denmark	3	1	1	1	4	6	3
Hungary	3	0	1	2	2	4	0

GROUP 4. — Wales 0, Norway 0 — Norway 2, Yugoslavia 2 — Bulgaria 2, Norway 0 — Bulgaria 0, Yugoslavia 2 — Yugoslavia 2, Wales 0 — Wales 0, Bulgaria 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Bulgaria	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Norway	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Wales	3	0	1	2	0	3	1

GROUP 5. — Cyprus 1, Romania 2 — Italy 2, Romania 0 — Czechoslovakia 2, Italy 1 — Cyprus 0, Italy 1 — Czechoslovakia 2, Cyprus 0 — Cyprus 1, Czechoslovakia 4 — Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 1 — Romania 1, Czechoslovakia 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czechoslovakia	5	4	0	1	13	5	8
Italy	4	3	0	1	6	3	6
Romania	3	1	0	2	3	7	2
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	2	9	0

GROUP 6. — Austria 1, Albania 2 — Turkey 0, Albania 1 — Austria 1, Turkey 1 — Albania 1, W Germany 1 — Turkey 0, W. Germany 1 — Austria 1, W. Germany 1 — Albania 3, Austria 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albania	5	4	1	0	8	2	9
West Germany	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Austria	4	0	2	2	3	7	2
Turkey	4	0	1	3	1	4	1

GROUP 7. — Iceland 1, Holland 1 — Spain 1, Iceland 0 — Holland 5, Spain 0 — Iceland 0, Spain 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
Spain	3	1	1	1	1	5	3
Iceland	3	0	2	1	1	2	2

GROUP 8. — Luxembourg 0, Sweden 4 — France 1, Sweden 0 — Luxembourg 0, France 5 — Sweden 4, Luxembourg 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	3	2	0	1	8	2	4
France	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

from Jan Herman de Bruijn

IT ALL started some 14 years ago. Until then Dutch professional football clubs were all organised in the same way: a professional department and an amateur department, the latter divided into sections for senior players and youth players.

In the 1950s and early 1960s this worked fine, but when Dutch football became better the directors of the professional departments found it increasingly difficult to work with people from the amateur side.

A decision taken by a group of six or eight men was always quicker than a decision taken by a whole club of sometimes 1,000 members.

So they looked for a new structure and thought they had found it by transforming football clubs into "foundations".

Originally, the foundation-structure within Dutch law wasn't meant for professional football. But it worked perfectly. Professional clubs were generally regarded as "essential for society", something which is required before being allowed to start a foundation.

And the "foundation-structure" had a lot of advantages too: since a "foundation" can't make a profit, there was no need to pay taxes; there were no obstructions like general meetings of the members and the directors could appoint other directors without questions being asked.

It sounds like paradise.

But it was hell, although it took almost 15 years to find out. Encouraged by the Dutch government more and more clubs had become foundations. After every merger a new foundation was formed. FC Twente Enschedé was the first one after Sportclub Enschedé and Enschedese Boys (two very big and famous amateur teams) joined together. In Utrecht, the city-team FC Utrecht was formed after a merger between DOS, Elinkwijk and Velox and in The Hague FC Den Haag was formed after two clubs from the First Division, ADO and Holland Sport had financial difficulties.

This all happened in the late 1960s and early 1970s. But it went on and on and on . . . DWS Amsterdam and Blauw Wit formed FC Amsterdam, HVC became SC Amersfoort, DFC is now DS'79 and Fortuna Vlaardingen became FC Vlaardingen.

In the first years everybody thought Dutch

DUTCH FIXTURES 1983-84

(Reverse date in parenthesis)

Aug. 20-21 (Jan. 14-15): Helmond Sport v Fortuna; FC Volendam v Feyenoord; PEC/Zwolle '82 v Haarlem; Willem II v FC Groningen; FC Utrecht v Ajax; DS '79 v Go Ahead Eagles; Sparta R. v AZ '67; Excelsior v PSV; FC Den Bosch v Roda JC.

Aug. 24 (Jan. 21-22): Fortuna S. v FC Den Bosch; Feyenoord v Helmond Sport; Haarlem v FC Volendam; FC Groningen v PEC/Zwolle '82; Ajax v Willem II; Go Ahead Eagles v FC Utrecht; AZ '67 v DS '79; PSV v Sparta R; Roda JC v Excelsior.

Aug. 27-28 (Jan. 28-29): Excelsior v FC Den Bosch; Roda JC v Sparta R.; PSV v DS '79; AZ '67 v FC Utrecht; Go Ahead Eagles v Willem II; Ajax v PEC Zwolle '82; FC Groningen v FC Volendam; Haarlem v Helmond Sport; Feyenoord v Fortuna S.

Aug. 31: Sparta R. v Excelsior; DS '79 v Roda JC; FC Utrecht v PSV; Willem II v AZ '67; PEC Zwolle '82 v Go Ahead Eagles; FC Volendam v Ajax; Helmond Sport v FC Grongingen; Fortuna S. v Haarlem; FC Den Bosch v Feyenoord.

Sept. 3-4: Sparta R. v FC Den Bosch; Excelsior v DS '79; Roda JC v FC Utrecht; PSV v Willem II; AZ '67 v PEC Zwolle '82; Go Ahead Eagles v FC Volendam; Ajax v Helmond Sport; FC Groningen v Fortuna S.; Haarlem v Feyenoord.

Sept. 10-11: DS '79 v Sparta R.; FC Utrecht v Excelsior; Willem II v Roda JC; PEC Zwolle '82 v PSV; FC Volendam v AZ '67; Helmond Sport v Go Ahead Eagles; Fortuna S. v Ajax; Feyenoord v FC Groningen; FC Den Bosch v Haarlem.

Sept. 17-18: DS '79 v FC Den Bosch; Sparta R. v FC Utrecht; Excelsior v Willem II; Roda JC v PEC Zwolle '82; PSV v FC Volendam; AZ '67 v Helmond Sport; Go Ahead Eagles v Fortuna S.; Ajax v Feyenoord; FC Groningen v Haarlem.

Sept. 24-25: FC Utrecht v DS '79; Willem II v Sparta R.; PEC Zwolle '82 v Excelsior; FC Volendam v Roda JC; Helmond Sport v PSV; Fortuna S. v AZ' 67; Feyenoord v Go Ahead Eagles; Haarlem v Ajax; FC Den Bosch v FC Groningen.

Oct. 1-2: FC Utrecht v FC Den Bosch; DS '79 v Willem II; Sparta R. v PEC Zwolle '82; Excelsior v FC Volendam; Roda JC v Helmond Sport; PSV v Fortuna S.; AZ' 67 v Feyenoord; Go Ahead Eagles v Haarlem; Ajax v FC Groningen.

Oct. 15-16: Willem II v FC Utrecht; PEC Zwolle '82 v DS '79; FC Volendam v Sparta R.; Helmond Sport v Excelsior; Fortuna S. v Roda JC; Feyenoord v PSV; Haarlem v AZ '67; FC Groningen v Go Ahead Eagles; FC Den Bosch v Ajax.

Oct. 22-23: Willem II v FC Den Bosch; FC Utrecht v PEC Zwolle '82; DS '79 v FC Volendam; Sparta R. v Helmond Sport; Excelsior v Fortuna S.; Roda JC v Feyenoord; PSV v Haarlem; AZ '67 v FC Groningen; Go Ahead Eagles v Ajax.

Oct. 29-30: PEC Zwolle '82 v Willem II; FC Volendam v FC Utrecht; Helmond Sport v DS '79; Fortuna S. v Sparta R.; Feyenoord v Excelsior; Haarlem v Roda JC; FC Groningen v PSV; Ajax v AZ '67; FC Den Bosch v Go Ahead Eagles.

Nov. 5-6: PEC Zwolle '82 v FC Den Bosch; Willem II v FC Volendam; FC Utrecht v Helmond Sport; DS '79 v Fortuna S.; Sparta R. v Feyenoord; Excelsior v Haarlem; Roda JC v FC Groningen; PSV v Ajax; AZ '67 v Go Ahead Eagles.

Nov. 19-20: FC Volendam v PEC Zwolle '82; Helmond Sport v Willem II; Fortuna S. v FC Utrecht; Feyenoord v DS '79; Haarlem v Sparta R. FC Groningen v Excelsior; Ajax v Roda JC; Go Ahead Eagles v PSV; FC Den Bosch v AZ '67.

Nov. 26-27: FC Volendam v FC Den Bosch; PEC Zwolle '82 v Helmond Sport; Willem II v Fortuna S.; FC Utrecht v Feyenoord; DS '79 v Haarlem; Sparta R. v FC Groningen; Excelsior v Ajax; Roda JC v Go Ahead Eagles; PSV v AZ '67.

Dec. 3-4: Helmond Sport v FC Volendam; Fortuna S. v PEC Zwolle '82; Feyenoord v Willem II; Haarlem v FC Utrecht; FC Groningen v DS '79; Ajax v Sparta R.; Go Ahead Eagles v Excelsior; AZ '67 v Roda JC; FC Den Bosch v PSV.

Dec. 10-11: Helmond Sport v FC Den Bosch; FC Volendam v Fortuna S.; PEC Zwolle '82 v Feyenoord; Willem II v Haarlem; FC Utrecht v FC Groningen; DS '79 v Ajax; Sparta R. v Go Ahead Eagles; Excelsior v AZ '67; Roda JC v PSV.

Jan. 14-15: Fortuna S. v Helmond Sport; Feyenoord v FC Volendam; Haarlem v PEC Zwolle '82; FC Groningen v Willem II; Ajax v FC Utrecht; Go Ahead Eagles v DS '79; AZ '67 v Sparta R.; PSV v Excelsior; Roda JC v FC Den Bosch.

Jan. 21-22: FC Den Bosch v Fortuna S.; Helmond v Feyenoord; FC Volendam v Haarlem; PEC Zwolle '82 v FC Groningen; Willem II v Ajax; FC Utrecht v Go Ahead Eagles; DS '79 v AZ '67; Sparta R. v PSV; Excelsior v Roda JC.

Early 1984 fixtures depend on whether Holland qualify for the European championship finals.

BELGIAN FIXTURES 1983-84

(Reverse date in parenthesis)

Aug. 17 (May 6): RWDM v Antwerp; Waregem v KV Mechelen; Lokeren v Beringen; Cercle Brugge v Beveren; Waterschei v Club Brugge; Luik v Seraing; Lierse v Kortrijk; Beerschot v Anderlecht; Gent v Standard.

Aug. 24 (May 13): Anderlecht v Gent; Kortrijk v Beerschot; Seraing v Lierse; Club Brugge v Luik; Beveren v Waterschei; Beringen v Cercle Brugge; KV Mechelen v Lokeren; Antwerp v Waregem; Standard v RWDM.

Aug. 31 (Apr. 22): RWDM v Beringen; Waregem v Beveren; Lokeren v Club Brugge; Cercle Brugge v Seraing; Waterschei v Kortrijk; Luik v Anderlecht; Lierse v Beerschot; Antwerp v Gent; Standard v KV Mechelen.

Sept. 4 (Jan. 15): Anderlecht v Kortrijk (3-9); Waregem v Standard; Lokeren v Antwerp; Cercle Brugge v KV Mechelen; Waterschei v Beringen (3-9); Luik v Beveren; Lierse v Club Brugge; Beerschot v Seraing; Gent v RWDM.

Sept. 7 (Apr. 29): Anderlecht v Lierse; Kortrijk v Luik; Seraing v Waterschei; Club Brugge v Cercle Brugge; Beveren v Lokeren; Beringen v Waregem; KV Mechelen v RWDM; Antwerp v Standard; Gent v Beerschot.

Sept. 11 (Jan. 22): RWDM v Waregem; Kortrijk v Gent; Seraing v Anderlecht; Club Brugge v Berrschot; Beveren v Lierse (10-9); Beringen v Luik; Mechelen v Waterschei (10-9); Antwerp v Cercle Brugge; Standard v Lokeren.

Sept. 18 (Jan. 29): Anderlecht v Club Brugge (17-9); Kortrijk v Seraing; Lokeren v RWDM; Cercle Brugge v Standard; Waterschei v Antwerp (17-9); Luik v KV Mechelen; Lierse v Beringen; Beerschot v Beveren (17-9); Gent v Waregem.

Sept. 25 (Feb. 5): RWDM v Cercle Brugge; Waregem v Lokeren; Seraing v Gent; Club Brugge v Kortrijk; Beveren v Anderlecht (24-9); Beringen v Beerschot; KV Mechelen v Lierse (24-9); Antwerp v Luik; Standard v Waterschei.

Oct. 2 (Feb. 12): Anderlecht v Beringen (1-10); Kortrijk v Beveren; Seraing v Club Brugge; Cercle Brugge v Waregem; Waterschei v RWDM (1-10); Luik v Standard; Lierse v Antwerp; Beerschot v KV Mechelen (1-10); Gent v Lokeren.

Oct. 16 (Feb. 19): Waregem v Waterschei; Lokeren v Cercle Brugge; Club Brugge v Gent; Beveren v Seraing (15-10); Beringen v Kortrijk; KV Mechelen v Anderlecht (15-10); Antwerp v Beerschot; Standard v Lierse.

Oct. 23 (Mar. 4): Anderlecht v Antwerp (22-10); Kortrijk v KV Mechelen; Seraing v Beringen; Club Brugge v Beveren; Waterschei v Lokeren (22-10); Luik v Waregem; Lierse v RWDM; Beerschot v Standard (22-10); Gent v Cercle Brugge.

Nov. 13 (Mar. 11): RWDM v Beerschot; Waregem v Lierse; Lokeren v Luik; Cercle Brugge v Waterschei; Beveren v Gent (12-11); Beringen v Club Brugge; KV Mechelen v Seraing (12-11); Antwerp v Kortrijk; Standard v Anderlecht.

Nov. 29 (Mar 18): Anderlecht v RWDM; Kortrijk v Standard; Seraing v Antwerp; Club Brugge v KV Mechelen; Beveren v Beringen; Luik v Cercle Brugge; Lierse v Lokeren; Beerschot v Waregem (19-11); Gent v Waterschei.

Nov. 27 (Mar. 25): RWDM v Kortrijk; Waregem v Anderlecht; Lokeren v Beerschot; Cercle Brugge v Lierse; Waterschei v Luik (26-11); Beringen v Gent; KV Mechelen v Beveren (26-11); Antwerp v Club Brugge; Standard v Seraing.

Dec. 4 (Apr. 1): Anderlecht v Lokeren (3-12); Kortrijk v Waregem; Searaing v RWDM; Club Brugge v Standard; Beveren v Antwerp; Beringen v KV Mechelen; Lierse v Waterschei; Beerschot v Cercle Brugge (3-12); Gent v Luik.

Dec. 11 (Apr. 8): RWDM v Club Brugge; Waregem v Seraing; Lokeren v Kortrijk; Cercle Brugge v Anderlecht; Waterschei v Beerschot (10-12); Luik v Lierse; KV Mechelen v Gent; Antwerp v Beringen; Standard v Beveren.

Dec. 18 (Apr. 15): Kortrijk v Cercle Brugge; Seraing v Lokeren (17-12); Club Brugge v Waregem; Beveren v RWDM; Beringen v Standard; KV Mechelen v Antwerp (17-12); Beerschot v Luik; Gent v Lierse; Anderlecht v Waterschei (17-12).

Rise and fall of the 'foundations'

football had taken a right course. The "big" clubs with all those amateur football players did not have the financial burden of professional clubs. And, on the other hand, the "professional foundations" had an easy life without questions being asked.

But, in the 1970s, that era of success came to an end. A European Cup could not be taken for granted any more and a place in the finals of a World Cup was no longer enough.

That was when the "foundations" started to have their problems.

Before 1975 it never was difficult to found volunteers who worked for the club. A lot of the people who worked for the professional clubs without being paid (a situation without which Dutch football couldn't survive) belonged to the big amateur clubs from which the "foundations" were born. All these people loved working for the clubs and being able to mix with some of the World Cup stars.

But after the successes slowly faded, fewer people were prepared to put time into a club which was not "their" club (most remained members of the old amateur-club in which they have played themselves and in which their children and grand-children played in).

The "foundation-clubs" woke up to their problems. First, they lacked volunteers (and the money to pay other people to do the work). And later, they began to feel the pinch too in the playing-staff.

In the old days it cost nothing to raise their own youth players. Clubs often had their players from the age of 12 or 13, and since they were clubs with a professional department, the "glamour" was enough to attract all the talented players of their city.

But now things changed. The talented boys joined other clubs; smaller ones who very often ruined them because they did not have enough capable coaches. And if they were any good at 17 it suddenly cost the "foundation" clubs plenty of money to get them.

There are two perfect examples of clubs where it all went wrong in this way. FC Den Haag is one of them. Before 1970, ADO Den Haag was one of the biggest football clubs in Holland. And year after year ADO were one of the best teams in the Dutch first division, mainly because of players raised in their own youth teams.

But then came the merger with Holland Sport.

In the beginning the club was called FC Den Haag/ADO and still talented young players could be given a place in the first team (from their 1973 youth team for example, Martin Jol, Tsheu-la Ling, Romeo Zondervan and Johnny Dusbaba all became senior internationals) and the talents who were "left over" could be sold. But after FC Den Hagg and ADO separated completely several years later, the professional team from the third biggest town in Holland started a "non-stop-drop" which ended in relegation to the second division last year.

The relegation was the moment the Board of Directors of FC Den Haag came to their senses. They once again approached ADO and in March an agreement was signed which signals the beginning of a new corporation. And it will be only a matter of time before the foundation FC Den Haag will be dead and buried and ADO Den Haag will be a part of the Dutch first division again.

The same story applies for FC Twente. In 1975 Twente were finalists in the UEFA Cup; this past season they have gone down to the second division. And to illustrate what the problems are for a "foundation club": when their goalkeeper was injured (and their reserve goalkeeper too); they desparately tried to resign Henny Ardesch, who was their reserve goalkeeper until two years ago. Ardesch is now 39!

One club who doesn't have these problems are Ajax. Ajax were never a foundation club and still benefit from that decision. They are THE attraction for almost every schoolboy-player in Holland since they showed every week last season the profit of a good youth policy: Frank Rijkaard, Wim Kieft, Frank Rijkaard, Marco van Besten and more than half of ALL Dutch youth teams are a product of the Ajax-football school. So much for the "foundations".

After the league-season had ended, two very special matches were played in the Rotterdam-stadium. To celebrate the fact that Feyenoord had been formed 75 years ago, the Rotterdam club organised a replay of the 1970 European Cup final: Feyenoord-Celtic. More than 25,000 people wanted to see the stars of 1970 and again Feyenoord won: 3-1. Bobby Murdoch scored for Celtic and Wim Jansen and Ove Kindvall (who also got the winner in Milan in 1970) — twice — got the goals for Feyenoord.

On June 4 the Rotterdam stadium was overcrowded. Some 62,000 people (but they could have sold 150,000 tickets) were there for the farewell game of Wim van Hanegem, one of Dutch football's stars of the past decade. The current Feyenoord team played against the Dutch national team of 1974 (without Jan Jongbloed and the injured Ruud Krol and Johan Neeskens). It was a lovely occasion and a very good match which ended at 2-2. Peter Houtman scored the only goal before half-time and when Feyenoord scored again in the first minute of the second half, everything looked over. But goals from Van Hanegem (a header after a Johan Cruyff corner) and by Cruyff himself made sure the "old stars" saved face.

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OF the 51 'neutral' single-venue finals in the history of European club competition (i.e. in the Champions' and Cup-winners' Cups), only ONE has been held behind the Iron Curtain.

That was the 1973 Champions' Cup Final, in which Ajax beat Juventus 1-0 in Belgrade.

In fact, on only FIVE occasions have legs of the UEFA Cup Final been staged in Eastern Europe. Twice in Zagreb and Budapest in the old Fairs' Cup days, and then in Belgrade in 1979 when Red Star reached the final against Borussia Moenchengladbach.

The reason for this recall? The fact that it is clearly long overdue for a European final to go East again.

Given that the Olympic Stadium in Rome is favourite as venue for the Champions' Cup, that leaves the Cup-winners' Cup event. But which country? And which city?

As far as country goes, Yugoslavia is really the only serious possibility. They probably wouldn't get much of a crowd for an event between two foreign teams in Bucharest, Sofia or Budapest. And there are political reasons why many officials wouldn't turn up if Poland or East Germany (Chorzow or Leipzig the likeliest venues) were named.

The Yugoslavs, for one thing, have flexible currency arrangements which enables them to deal more easily with the international implications of a major sports event — as they proved in 1973 and again in staging that spectacular finals tournament in the 1976 European championship.

So, where in Yugoslavia? Certainly it would be Belgrade and the 'Yugoslav Maracana' if the event were the Champions' Cup Final. But for the Cup-Winners' Cup I'll stick my neck out and predict a lobby pressing for Split.

Unlikely? Maybe not. They have a fine modern stadium and an enthusiastic local football audience.

At any rate . . . it would provide some variety!

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WHILE on the subject of venues, Italy remain clear favourites to stage the 1990 World Cup Finals. They were one of the first applicants and their claim was granted a remarkably forthright blessing by FIFA president Joao Havelange.

July 31 was the deadline date for those European nations with a hope and a prayer and, as I write, Italy have competition from West Germany, England, Austria and Yugoslavia (again!).

The idea of a joint Holland/Belgium candidacy seems to have fallen foul of the practical problems but it's a surprise that there has been no peep out of the Soviet Union.

After the World Cup last year *World Soccer* enjoined FIFA to sort out its ideas on advance selection of hosts. Spain had no less than 16 years, from the first unofficial tip of the wink, and that was so long it inspired lethargy and merely fuelled the 'mañana' syndrome.

Likewise the suggested four years is not long enough. Now, the 1990 hosts will be announced in December this year, providing them with six and a half years . . . just about right.

That provides for six months for the euphoria to die down, two years to put together the necessary committees and national and local government and media involvement and then four years to put the theory into effect.

Interesting that West Germany have applied. After all, whenever Havelange steps aside as FIFA president, front-runner successor will be West Germany's Hermann Neuberger . . .

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WHILE on the political issues, it was originally believed that Havelange would remain as FIFA president only a comparatively short time and then aim for the sporting pinnacle, as president of the International Olympic Committee.

However, I understand that top football's professional base would make Havelange an unacceptable candidate to many (supposedly amateur) Olympic movement representatives.

Certainly football/Olympic relations were not well served by the peculiar hagglings over the 1986 Olympic elligibility regulations. A showdown meeting between the IOC and FIFA ruled that players "who earn their living" playing football should be barred.

French, Spaniards, Germans and Italians — all of who have fielded openly national B teams in the qualifiers — were aghast. But FIFA then announced that national Olympic committees were free to choose virtually anyone *as long as they were not described as professionals.*

Seems to me it's about time the players got together to ask exactly why "professional" is apparently becoming a term of abuse!

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FINALLY, one last word on venues, Olympic rows and so on . . . it has been put to me by an administrative veteran, that the original World Cup in Uruguay in 1930 was not what it seemed.

It was not launched by Messrs Rimet and Co — so the suggestion goes — as a positive development of FIFA's founding charter but as a last resort when it was discovered that the organisers of the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles has dropped soccer (and the unofficial world championships) from the programme.

Any readers who can furnish more background on this fascinating suggestion . . . please write.

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WHY don't more clubs try this? Australian national league club St George are offering money back to fans disappointed in the game they've just watched.

The guarantee will be refundable on $5 ticket, but not on ordinary $4 tickets. A five-man panel, comprising a sponsors' representative, one spectator (chosen at random), one journalist, one former player and one guest of honour, will decide on whether a match is "money-refundable".

Why don't more clubs try it? Obvious. Some of those I've seen would have gone bust years ago!

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CRICKETERS have always enjoyed much longer careers at their chosen sport than footballers, of course.

But avid followers of both sports must have been surprised to see these bowling figures appear in a recent English county cricket match:

SOMERSET 141 (Mortensen 5-43, Finney 4-34).

Could they really be Stan Mortensen and Tom Finney? Whatever next?

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Willie Miller and Alec McLeish celebrate — and in Belgrade

ROBERTO BETTEGA, now in Canada, made history for Juventus shortly before the end of the last Italian season when he scored the club's 3,000th league goal.

Of that there was no dispute. But who scored No 1,000? Opinions are divided. One bunch of statisticians say it was current club president Giampiero Boniperti (against Sampdoria) others credit English forward William Jordan.

He played the 1948-49 season with Juve, in between brief spells with Tottenham and Birmingham. Later he went to Sheffield Wednesday, to complete an English league career measured by 15 goals in 59 games.

For Juventus, however, he scored five times in 20 games, mainly from outside right. Including (maybe) that 1,000th goal.

There is no argument, however, about Juve's first Italian league goal. It was an own goal (!), conceded by Zoccola of Napoli on October 6, 1929.

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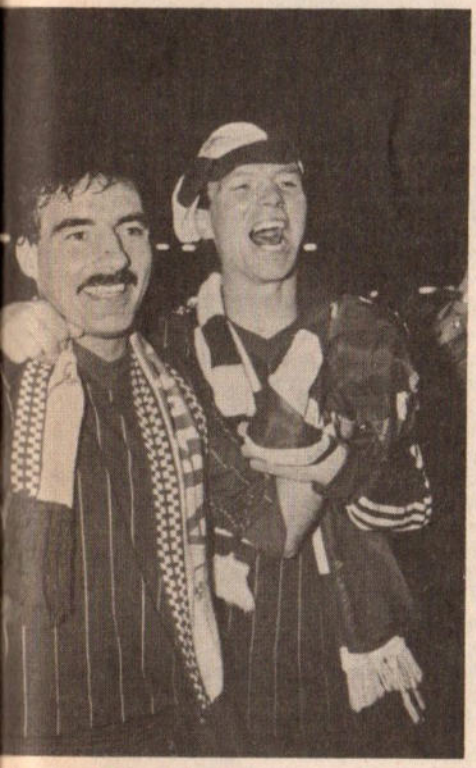

Aberdeen's Cup-winners' Cup success. . . or Split next year?

JOHN BONELLO moved closer to becoming Malta's most-capped goalkeeper when he won his 17th cap against Spain at the end of last season.

Bonello, who played first against Tunisia in 1979, has actually appeared in four of Malta's 10 all-time victories (v Indonesia 1-0, v Thailand 2-0, v Tunisia 1-0 and v Iceland 2-1).

Goalkeeper record-holder about to be overtaken is Freddie Mizzi, formerly of Floriana and Hibernians, who played 18 times for his country. Before anyone writes, Alfred Debono (ex-Sliema, Hibs, Pittsburgh, USA, and Valletta FC) played 12 times for Malta.

John Holland remains the most-capped player of all with 41 appearances. All-time top scorers in Maltese internationals are George Xuereb, Emmanuel Fabri and Ernest Spiteri-Gonzi . . . all with three goals each.

CHILEAN forward Carlos Caszely has earned himself a record both at home and in Spain (where he played for Levante and Espanol) as a man who liked the bright lights.

Back in Santiago now, settled with his wife and four children, he has lately been projecting the image of the happy family man.

"When he's at home he always reads us our bedtime stories," says six-year-old daughter, Barbra. What Caszely doesn't tell them about is football.

"My wife and children can't stand the game," he admits!

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NO MORE letters, thank you! We do realise that a New Zealander turned up in the July issue in what was supposed to be a picture of Eder. Printer's devil in the works, I'm afraid.

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ONE MAN who was on Carlo Alberto Parreira's original Brazil tour squad to Europe and didn't turn up was Vasco spearhead Roberto Dynamite. His absence was caused not by any row with his club (as in the case of the Flamengo Four) but because his wife was due at any time for a kidney transplant operation.

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HAVE you heard the one about the Englishman who wants to play for European championship rivals Denmark?

His name is Julian Barnett and he began his career as a junior at 15 with Burnley. Now he plays for Vejle alongside Allan Simonsen, after being released by Burnley five years ago to join a small club, Nakskov.

After 18 months there Barnett moved on to Fredriskhavn, joining Vejle early this year. Short and stocky he makes up for his lack of height with his speed and skill.

Married to a Danish girl, Barnett intends to apply for Danish citizenship pretty soon. But it won't be in time to play for Denmark against England this autumn!

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IF it's goals you want, follow the Bundesliga.

West Germany came out top of the European scoring rates this past autumn-spring season. Here's the full list: W Germany 3.385; Luxembourg 3.257; E Germany 3.247; Switzerland 3.233; Holland 3.153; Hungary 3.129; N Ireland 3.037; Scotland 2.939; Austria 2.920; R Ireland 2.906; Czechoslovakia 2.875; France 2.868; Belgium 2.813; England 2.735; Yugoslavia 2.699; Bulgaria 2.620; Rumania 2.588; Spain 2.549; Greece 2.401; Portugal 2.400; Poland 2.275; Cyprus 2.219; Italy 2.129; Turkey 2.078; Malta 1.946; Albania 1.225.

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Obituary: LUIS ALAMOS. Chile's most successful coach, died at the age of 61. Played most of his career with Universidad de Chile and later became team manager, building the side which served as backbone to the team which finished third in the 1962 World Cup. Alamos guided Universidad and later Colo Colo to a total of five league crowns and was national manager for the 1974 World Cup finals.

LAZSLO BUDAI. Died in Budapest, aged 55 — the forgotten man of the great Hungarian team of the early 1950s. Budai played originally for Ferencvaros and was then drafted into the army to join Honved. An outside right, he scored 10 goals in 39 internationals leading up to the 1954 World Cup Final. But, having played a part in the major triumphs — such as the double thrashing of England — Budai was dropped at the apparent insistence of Ferenc Puskas, and the Hungarians were remarkably beaten 3-2 by West Germany. When Honved were caught abroad in 1956 by the Hungarian Revolution, Budai was one of the voices insistent on a return home. While Puskas, Kocsis and Czibor stayed in the west, Budai returned to Budapest and appeared in the 1958 World Cup finals.

ERICH JUSKOWIAK. Another World Cup controversy victim, who died aged 56. Juskowiak played 31 times at left-back for West Germany between 1951 and 1959 but became infamous after being sent off for a foul on Kurt Hamrin, outside right of hosts Sweden, in the 1958 World Cup semi-finals. The Germans, reigning champions, were then beaten 3-1. Juskowiak began his career with VfR Oberhausen, played for the senior Rot-Weiss Oberhausen between 1946 and 1953 and then moved to Fortuna Düsseldorf, where he played alongside Jupp Derwall. He retired in 1960.

GOLDEN BOOT 1983-84: Hjelm (Ilves) 12 goals; Christensen (Aarhus) 11; Lyng (Lyngby) and Lipponen (TPs) 10 each; Corneliusson (IFK Gothenburg now Stuttgart) and Mattsson (Oesters Vaxjo) 9 each.

SEPTEMBER DIARY. — **Sep 1** — Brazil-Ecuador . . . **Sep 3:** Med. Games start (Casablanca) . . . **Sep 4** — S. American Championship: Peru-Bolivia . . . **Sep 6** — U21: E. Germany-S. Union . . . **Sep 7** — EC: Norway-Bulgaria, Holland-Iceland. SAC: Argentina-Ecuador. Olym: E. Germany-Poland, Hungary-S. Union. Friendlies: Denmark-France, Switzerland-Czechoslovakia . . . **Sep 14** — European club first round, 1st legs. SAC: Brazil-Argentina . . . **Sep 20** — E21: England-Denmark . . . **Sep 21** — EC: Portugal-Finland, England-Denmark, Norway-Wales, Sweden-Czechoslovakia, N. Ireland-Austria, Iceland-R. Ireland. Olym: Spain-Belgium. Greece-Hungary. Fr: Belgium-Holland, Scotland-Uruguay, E. Germany 01-Bulgaria 01. G. Müller test: Bayern-W. Germany . . . **Sep 28** — European club, 1st round, 2nd legs.

from Eric Weil

Peñarol and Gremio reach Final but . . .

ESTUDIANTES MAKE THE NEWS

PEÑAROL, the Uruguayan holders of the trophy, and Gremio of Porto Alegre (Brazil) reached the final of the 1983 Libertadores Cup, but if ever a team deserved to be there it was Argentina's former cup holders, Estudiantes de La Plata . . . in spite of their own officials and a Uruguayan referee.

Estudiantes sold their leading scorer, Hugo Gottardi, while the club was still fighting through the cup's first round group (see last month's *World Soccer*) and they followed this up, by selling their leading international defender, Jose Brown, as the semi-final round started, leaving coach Manera with a very small professional staff.

Semi-final group B started with all three participants narrowly winning their home games with Estudiantes mostly relying on the fast break-aways of Gurrieri (who replaced Gottardi) for goals. It was fully expected that results would continue that way with the eventual group winner likely to be decided on goal difference . . . until the extraordinary match between Estudiantes and visitors Gremio.

The match at La Plata which made Libertadores Cup history — and must also be unique in any major tournament — seemed to be all over when Estudiantes, having had key men Trobbiani and Ponce sent off after only 29 minutes, were 3-1 down with 20 minutes to play when Camino became the third Estudiantes player to receive marching orders to be followed almost immediately by Tevez. Seven against 11 and the game was finished as a contest and the Brazilian team was in the final . . . except that Gremio made some bad mistakes.

They played at retaining the ball — tactics which would have been fitting if they had less players on the field — instead of surely scoring more with some open play and they did not reckon that the game was not over for Gurrieri.

A fast break-away with 12 minutes to go brought him his second goal of the match and he almost did it again three minutes from the end, but passed to Russo who put it into the net for an amazing 3-3 draw.

This result left Gremio still at the top of the group, but meant that if Estudiantes won their last match at America de Gali (who were by then out of contention) they would make the final on goal difference. The trouble was that they were now short of players, the four sent off being automatically suspended.

Estudiantes lodged a complaint with the South American Football Confederation about one-sided decisions of Uruguayan referee Da Rosa. Among other things he had shown Trobbiani a yellow card before the kick-off when the player inadvertently crossed the half-way line before the whistle. Then he sent off Ponce for pushing him when it was actually Trobbiani, who had already been sent off for a second minor infringement, who did the pushing.

Estudiantes sent video tapes of the match to the Confederation, while Gremio — to assure their qualifying — made the ridiculous demand that Estudiantes should be expelled from the tournament. Neither complaint prospered and Estudiantes travelled to Cali with just 14 players — including three goalkeepers — and a much weakened team.

If they had been forced to make a second substitution in the match, a reserve goalkeeper would have had to go on to play in an unaccustomed position. This was hardly a way to play a vital cup match. The result was a 0-0 draw and Gremio were in the final.

Argentina's Alonso and his Chilean marker become entangled during the Argentina-Chile match in Buenos Aires which the hosts won 1-0.

Peñarol, coming into the competition at the semi-final stage as cup holders, started poorly with a 0-0 draw away to San Cristobal, the first team ever from Venezuela to reach that stage.

Although they had virtually the same squad which won the trophy last year — minus Brazilian midfielder Jair who left after disagreements with the other players — player payment problems resulted in players not turning up for training or pre-match concentrations and Peñarol were also bottom of the local First Division, without a win, after nine games.

But participation in an international club tournament in Rome, which also enabled the club to obtain funds to pay its players, seemed to produce a change. Three days after returning home they faced Nacional (Uruguay) in the first of the crucial matches to decide a finalist from their group. Peñarol were pressed in the first half, but held out, taking the game to their opponents after the interval to score through Diogo and Silva for a 2-0 victory.

And although Peñarol had to fight to get

GREMIO players are protected by police with riot shields as they leave the pitch after their Libertadores Cup tie against Estudiantes de la Plata in Argentina. Estudiantes players needed similar protection a week later when they played America in Cali, Colombia.

past San Cristobal 1-0 at home, they also beat Nacional in the second game, 2-1, after being well in control. Nacional's goal came only just on time through Luzardo who is leading cup scorer, jointly with team mate Cabrera, on eight goals — a total unlikely to be passed in the pending final matches.

FIFA officially declared Montevideo's Centenario stadium a "Monument on World Football" on July 18 and the national teams of Uruguay and Peru drew 1-1 as part of the celebrations. The two countries had met on the same field 54 years earlier to inaugurate the first World Cup in 1930 and this time Ernesto Mascheroni, the only member of the 1930 Uruguayan team still alive, kicked off the proceedings.

This time the match served as practice for both teams for this year's South American Championship and other national teams were also active.

Argentina, the 1978 World Cup holders, lost their first match under new coach Carlos Bilardo — 1-0 to Paraguay in Asunción — after giving their poorest performance to date.

Bilardo had hoped to include Diego Maradona, at home on holiday from his Spanish club, Barcelona, and the player was keen to play, but former Argentine national team coach Cesar Menotti, now Barcelona coach and also home on holiday, said no, producing a lengthy argument between the coaches through newspaper, TV and radio reports with journalists naturally taking sides.

Bilardo's chief problem is that quite a number of his squad, and possible replacements, have recently been sold by their clubs abroad — Tarantini, Ischia, Calderón, Brown, Santamaría, etc. — and more could be on the way. The FA is expected to put a ban on transfers abroad of national team squad players sometime next year, but Bilardo ruefully says that by then there will be nobody left to sell . . . nor to play in the national team.

Colombia, without striker or midfielder Willington Ortiz — left out for disciplinary reasons by coach Efrain Sanchez — were held 2-2 at home by Chile in another friendly.

Ortiz is considered to be the best Colombian born player at the moment and his absence is a blow to the country's chances.

Colombia, with first-minute goals in each half by Valderrama, seemed to have the match won, but they allowed Chile to come back in the second half.

Bolivia has a law under which clubs (in all sports) must give up their players for national team duty whenever required, but in spite of this coach Wilfredo Camacho has had quite a lot of trouble to get his squad of 23 players together for training.

The possibility of calling up junior players to represent Bolivia in the South American Championship is therefore being considered seriously, specially after the junior selection of Santa Cruz beat the seniors 4-1 recently.

Tahuichi, the club — or rather "soccer academy" — which has been carrying all before it in South American junior soccer and which was awarded the world championship held in Argentina two years back when Internazional Milan were expelled for fielding players over age, is in Santa Cruz and a lot of their players are expected to make the national senior team sooner or later.

Puebla win title

Puebla won the 1982/3 Mexican First Division championship with a penalty shootout against Guadalajara after winning the second (home) leg of the final 1-0. Guadalajara had won their home leg 2-1 a few days earlier (as published in last month's *World Soccer*) and it needed two series of penalties of five per team for Puebla to finally win 9-8.

Former Argentine international Norberto Outes, who was last season's First Division top scorer, is unlikely to return to America because he wants more than the club is willing to offer to sign a new contract. Meanwhile, America has already signed another Argentine striker on trial to replace him, the lesser known Gustavo Echaniz.

The Mexican government intends to take part in all levels of organisation of the 1986 World Cup finals to be held in Mexico, even supervising the selection and preparation of the soccer team, according to Jorge Alanis Camino who is in charge of the government's sports entity, a direct dependant of the education ministry. This is due to Mexico's poor showing on the soccer field for many years — an image the government wants to change.

Two First Division matches were suspended on the same day because of earthquakes in Costa Rica in July. As the tremors started, fans, referee and players ran out of the stadiums.

Bundesliga 20 years on

TWENTY years ago West German football turned the most significant corner.

They finally abandoned the old regional league system which had restricted West German football to a part-time existence, it major clubs meeting only in the grand play-offs at the end of every season.

Now a new world was to open up in which the West Germans have, for most of the time, been the dominant force in European football. They had won the World Cup – albeit as a major surprise – in 1954 and finished fourth in Sweden in 1958. In Chile in 1962 they were quarter finalists.

But the writing was on the wall for the old system. The star players were all off to make money in Italy. Tough wing half Horst Szymaniak, right winger Albert Brulls, inside forward Helmut Haller, goalpoacher Jurgen Schutz . . . even powerful defender-cum-halfback Karl-Heinz Schnellinger.

Uwe Seeler, their finest player and Hamburg's hero, had remained loyally at home. But for how long could he resist the lucrative blandishments of Italy or Spain?

The answer was: always. Because just at that tine, carried along by the practical visionary who was Köln president Franz Kremer, the Germans launched their revolution. Look at the effect:

★ In the World Cup . . . West Germany have been winners once (1974), runners-up twice (1966 and 1982), third once (1970) and second round finalists (in 1978).

★ In the European championship . . . West Germany have been winners twice (1972 and 1980) and runners-up once (1976 – on penalties after drawing the final with Czechoslovakia).

★ At club level . . . Bayern Munich have won the Champions' Cup three times, Hamburg have won it once and both clubs have been runners-up once, as have Borussia Moenchengladbach. In the Cup-winners' Cup victories have gone to Borussia Dortmund, Bayern and Hamburg, while Hamburg, Fortuna Düsseldorf and 1860 München have been runners-up. In the UEFA Cup there have been victories for Borussia Moenchengladbach (twice) while they have also twice finished runners-up – once to fellow Germans Eintracht Frankfurt. Hamburg's 1982 UEFA Cup final defeat placed them alongside Barcelona and Leeds as the only clubs to have suffered defeat in the final of all three European competitions.

That minor upset apart, the Germans can be proud of the Bundesliga revolution.

The West German team before the World Cup Final against Brazil.

BUNDESLIGA CHAMPIONS

1964 1.FC Köln
1965 SV Werder Bremen
1966 TSV 1860 München
1967 BTSV Eintracht Braunschweig
1968 1.FC Nürnberg
1969 FC Bayern München
1970 VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach
1971 VfL Borussia Mömchengladbach
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1974 FC Bayern München
1975 VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach
1976 VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach
1977 VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach
1978 1.FC Köln
1979 Hamburger SV
1980 FC Bayern München
1981 FC Bayern München
1982 Hamburger SV
1983 Hamburger SV

TOP SCORERS

1964	Uwe Seeler (Hamburger SV)	30
1965	Brunnenmeier (1860 München)	24
1966	Emmerich (Bor. Dortmund)	31
1967	Emmerich (Bor. Dortmund) and Gerd Müller (Bayern München)	28
1968	Löhr (1.FC Köln)	27
1969	Gerd Müller (Bayern München)	30
1970	Gerd Müller (Bayern München)	38
1971	L. Kobluhn (RW Oberhausen)	24
1872	Gerd Müller(Bayern München)	40
1973	Gerd Müller (Bayern München)	36
1974	Gerd Müller (Bayern München) and Heynckes (Bor. M'gladbach)	30
1975	Heynckes (Bor. M'gladbach)	27
1976	Fischer (FC Schalke 04)	29
1977	Dieter Müller (1.FC Köln)	34
1978	Dieter Müller (1.FC Köln and Gerd Müller (Bayern München)	24
1979	Klaus Allofs (Fort. Düsseldorf)	22
1980	Rummemigge (Bayern München)	26
1981	Rummenigge (Bayern München)	29
1982	Hrubesch (Hamburger SV)	27
1983	Völler (Werder Bremen)	23

TOTAL CUP SCORERS

365 Gerd Müller (Bayern München)
229 Klaus Fisher (1860 München, Schalke 04, 1. FC Köln)
220 Jupp Heynckes (Borussia Mönchengladbach, Hannover 96)
173 Dieter Müller (1. FC Köln, VfB Stuttgart)
167 Manfred Burgsmüller (Rot-Weiss Essen, Borussia Dortmund)
166 Hannes Löhr (1.FC Köln)
160 Bernd Hölzenbein (Eintr. Frankfurt)
141 Bernd Nickel (Eintr. Frankfurt)
137 Uwe Seeler (Hamburger SV)
136 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern München)
134 Horst Hrubesch (RW Essen, Hamburger SV)
125 Georg Volkert (1.FC Nürnberg, Hamburger SV, VfB Stuttgart)
121 Herbert Laumen (Bor. M'gladbach, Werder Bremen, 1.FC Kaisersl.)
119 Bernd Rupp (Bor. M'gladbach, Werder Bremen, 1FC Köln)
115 Lothar Emmerich (Bor. Dortmund)
109 Jürgen Grabowski (Eintr. Frankfurt)
108 Klaus Toppmöller (1.FC K'lautern)

ALL TIME BUNDESLIGA CLUB TOTALS

(Seasons in Bundesliga after club name)

	HOME							AWAY							TOTAL						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1.FC Köln (20)	336	221	65	50	849	396	507	336	95	103	138	490	566	293	672	316	168	188	1339	962	800
Bayern München (18)	306	223	50	33	871	302	496	306	107	84	115	500	516	298	612	330	134	148	1371	818	794
Hamburger SV (20)	336	209	73	54	766	372	491	336	84	99	153	478	629	287	672	293	172	207	1244	1001	758
Borussia M'gladbach (18)	306	189	70	47	792	368	448	306	99	87	120	478	503	285	612	288	157	167	1270	871	733
Eintracht Frankfurt (20)	336	218	66	52	823	406	502	336	74	75	187	431	669	223	672	292	141	239	1254	1075	725
1.FC Kaiserslautern (20)	336	211	75	50	700	354	497	336	54	85	197	416	770	193	672	265	160	247	1116	1124	690
Werder Bremen (19)	319	163	71	55	647	380	447	319	65	70	184	377	653	200	638	248	151	239	1024	1033	647
VfB Stuttgart (18)	302	190	55	57	674	437	435	302	64	81	157	392	604	209	604	254	136	214	1066	961	644
FC Schalke 04 (19)	319	173	79	67	610	373	425	319	66	62	191	362	668	194	638	239	141	258	972	1041	619
MSV Duisburg (19)	319	156	96	67	564	366	408	319	60	74	185	370	656	194	638	216	170	252	934	1022	602
Eintracht Braunschweig (18)	302	164	83	55	518	294	411	302	50	79	173	297	584	179	604	214	162	228	815	878	590
Borussia Dortmund (16)	268	156	65	43	637	339	377	268	57	59	152	354	588	173	536	213	124	199	991	927	550
Hertha BSC Berlin (15)	251	146	62	43	481	282	354	251	37	67	147	276	531	141	502	183	129	190	757	813	495
Fortune Düsseldorf (13)	221	114	62	45	453	297	290	221	41	59	121	268	459	141	442	155	121	166	721	756	431
VfL Bochum (12)	204	108	53	43	374	235	269	204	26	55	123	214	422	107	408	134	108	166	588	657	376
1860 München (10)	166	91	37	38	339	187	219	166	32	43	91	209	334	107	332	123	80	129	548	521	326
Hannover 96 (11)	185	93	52	40	356	233	238	185	22	42	121	189	379	86	370	115	94	161	545	612	324
1.FC Nürnberg (10)	166	85	47	34	300	204	217	166	32	37	97	182	341	101	332	117	84	131	482	545	318
Karlsruher SC (10)	166	72	49	45	287	246	183	166	17	31	118	167	425	65	332	89	80	163	454	671	258
Rot-Weiss Essen (7)	119	46	43	30	213	198	135	119	15	36	68	133	285	66	238	61	79	98	346	483	201
Kickers Offenbach (6)	102	54	23	25	205	148	131	102	16	23	63	115	232	55	204	70	46	88	320	380	186
Arminia Bielefeld (6)	85	43	20	22	135	93	106	85	12	12	61	80	202	36	170	53	32	83	215	295	142
Bayer Leverkusen (4)	68	33	21	14	105	72	87	68	8	13	47	80	180	29	136	41	34	61	185	252	116
Rot-Weiss Oberhausen (4)	68	31	18	19	119	99	80	68	5	13	50	63	182	23	136	36	31	69	182	281	103
Alemannia Aachen (3)	51	26	13	12	96	72	65	51	8	8	35	44	128	24	102	34	21	47	140	200	89
Wuppertaler SV (3)	51	20	14	17	93	87	54	51	5	13	33	43	113	23	102	25	27	50	136	200	77
Bayer Uerdingen (3)	51	23	13	15	77	74	59	51	3	8	40	41	135	14	102	26	21	55	118	209	73
1.FC Saarbrücken (3)	49	13	20	16	74	75	46	49	8	6	35	52	122	22	98	21	26	51	126	197	68
Bor. Neunkirchen (3)	49	22	11	16	71	85	55	49	3	7	39	38	138	12	98	25	18	55	109	223	68
SV Dormstadt 98 (2)	34	10	10	14	52	68	30	34	2	8	24	34	89	12	68	12	18	38	86	157	42
Tennis Borussia (2)	34	10	10	14	54	66	30	34	1	6	27	31	108	8	68	11	16	41	85	174	38
Fortuna Köln (1)	17	6	6	5	31	32	18	17	2	3	12	15	47	7	4	8	9	17	46	79	25
Preussen Münster (1)	15	5	4	6	21	23	14	15	2	5	8	13	29	9	30	7	9	14	34	52	23
FC St Pauli (1)	17	5	5	7	28	33	15	17	1	1	15	16	53	3	34	6	6	22	44	86	18
Tasmania Berlin (1)	17	2	3	12	8	46	7	17	0	1	16	7	62	1	34	2	4	28	15	108	8

MOST APPEARANCES

520 Willi Neuberger (Borussia Dortmund, Werder Bremen, Wuppertaler SV, Eintracht Frankfurt)
504 Klaus Fichtel (Schalke 04, Werder Bremen)
473 Josef Maier (Bayern Munchen)
456 Norbert Nigbur (Schalke 04, Hertha BDC)
441 Jürgen Grabowski (Eintracht Frankfurt)
432 Johannes Riedl (MSV Duisburg, Hertha BSC, 1.FC Kaierslautern, Arminia Bielefeld)
428 Bernard Dietz (MSV Duisburg, Schalke 04)
427 Gerhard Müller (Bayern München)
426 Bernd Nickel (Eintracht Frankfurt)
424 Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern München, Hamburger SV)
422 Siegfried Held (Borussia Dortmund, Kickers Offenbach, Bayer Uerdingen)
420 Bernd Hölzenbein (Eintracht Frankfurt)
420 Horst-Dieter Höttges (Werder Bremen)
419 Heinz Simmet (Borussia Neunkirchen, Rot-Weiss Essen, 1.FC Köln)
419 Berti Vogts (Borussia Mönchengladbach)
418 Klaus Fischer (1860 München, Schalke 04, 1.FC Köln)
416 Georg Schwarzenbeck (Bayern München)
411 Franz Merkhoffer (Eintracht Braunschweig)
410 Georg Volkert (1.FC Nürnberg, Hamburger SV, VfB Stuttgart)
409 Wolfgang Overath (1.FC Köln)
405 Michael Bella (MSV Duisburg)
400 Klaus Zaczyk (Karlsruher SC, 1.FC Nürnberg, Hamburgers SV)

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OTHER RECORDS

First goal: Friedhelm Konietzka (Bur. Dortmund) after 58 seconds against Werder Bremen on Aug. 24, 1963.

First expulsion: Helmut Rahn (MSV) after 77 minutes against Hertha Berlin on Sept. 14, 1963.

First own goal: Willi Schulz (Schalke) against Kaiserslautern on August 31, 1963.

First postponement: Stuttgart against Schalke 04 on Jan. 11, 1964 because of frozen pitch.

First match suspension: Hamburg v Borussia Dortmund in 61st minute on Dec. 7, 1963 because of fog.

First penalty: Jurgen Neumann (Kauserslautern) against Eintracht Frankfurt on Aug. 24, 1963.

First sacking: Herbert Widmayer (Nürnberg) on Oct. 30, 1963.

First double-figure score: Borussia Muchengladbach beat Schalke 11-0 on Jan. 7, 1967.

First team to 100 points in season: Bayern München in 1971-72 with 101.

First broken leg: Reinhold Gettinger (Nürnberg) against Eintracht Braunschweig on Dec. 7, 1963.

Most goals by one player: Dieter Müller (1.FC Köln) 6 goals against Werder Bremen on Aug. 17, 1977.

In one game: 1963-64 Borussia Dortmund v Kaiserslautern 9-3. 1971-72 Bayern München v Borussia Dortmund 11-1. 1976-77 1.FC Köln v Tennis Borussia Berlin 8-4. 1977-78 Borussia M'gladbach v Borussia Dortmund 12-0. 1982-83 Borussia Dortmund v Armenia Bielefeld 11-1.

Record sequences: Bayern München unbeaten in 73 home games from Mar. 28, 1970 to Sept. 28, 1974. Hamburg unbeaten in 36 consecutive games from Jan 17, 1982 to Jan. 28, 1983. **Record goals-in-a-game scores:** 6 — Dieter Müller (1. FC Köln) against Werder Bremen on Aug. 17, 1977. 5 — Karl-Heinz Thielen (1. FC Köln) against Kaiserslautern on Dec. 7, 1963; Rudi Brunnenmeier (München 1860) against Karlsruher on Feb. 27, 1965; Franz Brung (Nürnberg) against Bayern München on Dec. 12, 1967; Klaus Scheer (Schalke) against Köln on Sept. 1, 1971; Gerd Müller (Bayern) against Oberhausen on Feb. 19, 1972; Gerd Müller against Kaiserslautern on May 5, 1973; Gerd Müller against Fortuna Düsseldorf on Jun. 7, 1975; Gerd Müller against Hertha on Jun. 12, 1976; Gerd Müller against Tennis Borussia on Sept. 10, 1976; Jupp Heynckes (Mönchengladbach) against Borussia Dortmund on Apr. 29, 1978; Manfred Burgsmüller (Borussia Dortmund) against Arminia Bielefeld on Nov. 6, 1982; Atli Edvaldsson (Fortuna Düsseldorf) against Eintracht Frankfurt on Jun. 4, 1983.

CROWD RECORDS

Most in a season: 1977-78: 8,310,459 (ave 27,158).

For one game: 88,075 for Hertha v Köln on Sept. 26, 1969.

One club in a season: 1977-78 VfB Stuttgart, 918,000 total (ave 54,000).

Top scorer in 1980 and 1981 — Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munich.

TWIN GIANTS DOMINATE

by Keir Radnedge

BILBAO may have won the league, but the close-season has been dominated by the twin giants, Real Madrid and Barcelona.

They've either been shouting at each other across the conference tables or bandying profit margins.

The verbal exchange came at the Spanish federation's annual meeting, when Barsa president Jose Luis Nunez accused Madrid of trying to torpedo Spanish soccer unity at a time when the game is coming under long-overdue scrutiny from government.

Nunez criticised Madrid's recent boycott of FEF administration and their scarcely-veiled suspicion of FEF president Pablo Porta — a fellow Catalan, like Nunez.

The Barcelona outburst prompted Madrid's congress delegation to get up and walk out. Madrid have walked out on the FEF so often it is worth recording the fact that once Nunez had finished they promptly marched back in and apologised to the rest of the delegates!

Nunez is certainly in a position of power. As well as being Barsa chief he is also principal vice-president of the federation and speaks with all the confidence of a man whose club last season made a £1.25 million profit!

A large chunk of that was Barcelona's share of the World Cup profits but still these are remarkable figures when you consider that the club's members pay only around £25 a year for that privilege — making Barcelona only a modest seventh in the membership fee league table.

Of course match tickets are extra and when you've got 100,000 members, even those modest £25 cheques do add up!

As for Madrid, they're still counting the cash from a season which may have been upsetting in terms of all those near-misses but could well rake in an even bigger profit than Barcelona's.

The challenge for both clubs is on whom to spend the money. Valencia are a favourite market right now. Barcelona want Spain stopper Miguel Tendillo and Madrid have their eyes on the strong young midfielder, Roberto.

At one time Valencia, who escaped relegation only by the skin of their teeth, faced financial disaster.

President Vicente Tormo was running from bank to bank trying to find financiers willing to bail him out from a million-pound-plus crisis. The financial sophistication which several English clubs, most notably Wolves, have used to rise again from financial extinction, doesn't exist for Spanish clubs.

So, in the last 18 months two recent First Division clubs, Almeria and Burgos, have gone to the wall. The minor Madrid club, Getafe, also appear to be giving up the financial ghost.

Names in the news: JOSE ANGEL IRIBAR, former Spain goalkeeper, is to coach Bilbao's affiliated Second Division team . . . JAVIER CLEMENTE has been rewarded for coaching Bilbao to the league title with the award of a new five-year contract . . . Honduras World Cup sweeper GILBERTO has been released by Elche . . . HECTOR NUNEZ, back from Puebla of Mexico, is new coach of relegated Las Palmas . . . LUIS ARCONADA has signed a new three-year contract with Real Sociedad which will probably see him through to retirement . . . WALTER SKOCIK, the Austrian coach sacked in midseason by Las Palmas, is taking over Greek club Larissa . . . LAURIE CUNNINGHAM is staying with Real Madrid, but they haven't a clue what to do with him.

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☐ *AS IF the World Cup wasn't enough, the city of Barcelona has applied to stage the 1992 Olympic Games. Mayor Pasqual Maragall says: "The year 1992 will be one in which the world celebrates the 500th anniversary of one of the most important events in history: the discovery of America by the Spanish. And, just as Christopher Colombus was greeted on his return to Barcelona by the King and Queen of Spain, our monarchs and people will receive the world's young people in 1992 with pageantry, joy and the spirit of sport. . . ."*

If you like that sort of thing . . .

FIXTURES

1983-84 FIXTURES
(Reverse dates in brackets)

Sept. 4 (Jan. 8): Real Madrid CF v Real Betis Balompié; Real Valladolid Dptvo v CD Málaga; Real Sporting v Valencia CF; CR Murcia v Real Sociedad F; Athletic Club v Cádiz CF; RCD Mallorca v Zaragoza CD; Club Atlético Osasuna v UD Salamanca; Sevilla FC v FC Barcelona; RCD Español v Club Atlético de Madrid.

Sept. 11 (Jan. 15): Real Betis Balompié v RCD Español; CD Málaga v Real Madrid CF; Valencia CF v Real Valladolid Dptvo; Real Sociedad F v Real Sporting; Cádiz CF v CR Murcia; Real Zaragoza CD v Athletic Club; UD Salamanca v RCD Mallorca; FC Barcelona v Club Atlético Osasuna; Club Atlético de Madrid v Sevilla FC.

Sept. 18 (Jan. 22): Real Betis Balompié v CD Málaga; Real Madrid CF v Valencia CF; Real Valladolid Dptvo v Real Sociedad F; Real Sporting v Cádiz CF; CR Murcia v Real Zaragoza CD; Athletic Club v UD Salamanca; RCD Mallorca v FC Barcelona; Club Atlético Osasuna v Club Atlético de Madrid; RCD Español v Sevilla FC.

Sept. 25 (Jan. 29): CD Málaga v RCD Español; Valencia CF v Real Betis Balompié; Real Sociedad F v Real Madrid CF; Cádiz CF v Real Valladolid Dptvo; Real Zaragoza CD v Real Sporting; UD Salamanca v CR Murcia; FC Barcelona v Athletic Club; Club Atlético de Madrid v RCD Mallorca; Sevilla FC v Club Atlético Osasuna.

Oct. 2 (Feb. 5): CD Málaga v Valencia CF; Real Betis Balompié v Real Sociedad F; Real Madrid CF v Cádiz CF; Real Valladolid Dptvo v Real Zaragoza CD; Real Sporting v UD Salamanca; CR Murcia v FC Barcelona; Athletic Club v Club Atlético de Madrid; RCD Mallorca v Sevilla FC; RCD Español v Club Atlético Osasuna.

Oct. 9 (Feb. 12): Valencia CF v RCD Español; Real Sociedad F v CD Málaga; Cádiz CF v Real Betis Balompié; Real Zaragoza CD v Real Madrid CF; UD Salamanca v Real Valladolid Dptvo; FC Barcelona v Real Sporting; Club Atlético de Madrid v CR Murcia; Sevilla FC v Athletic Club; Club Atlético Osasuna v RCD Mallorca.

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Oct. 30 (Mar. 4): Real Sociedad F v Cádiz CF; Valencia CF v Real Zaragoza CD; CD Málaga v UD Salamanca; Real Betis Balompié v FC Barcelona; Real Madrid CF v Club Atlético de Madrid; Real Valladolid Dptvo v Sevilla FC; Real Sporting v Club Atlético Osasuna; CR Murcia v RCD Mallorca; RCD Español v Athletic Club.

Nov. 6 (Mar. 11): Cádiz CF v RCD Español; Real Zaragoza CD v Real Sociedad F; UD Salamanca v Valencia CF; FC Barcelona v CD Málaga; Club Atlético de Madrid v Real Betis Balompié; Sevilla FC v Real Madrid CF; Club Atlético Osasuna v Real Valladolid Dptvo; RCD Mallorca v Real Sporting; Athletic Club v CR Murcia.

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Nov. 20 (Mar. 25): Real Zaragoza CD v RCD Español; UD Salamanca v Cádiz CF; FC Barcelona v Real Sociedad F; Club Atlético de Madrid v Valencia CF; Sevilla FC v CD Málaga; Club Atlético Osasuna v Real Betis Balompié; RCD Mallorca v Real Madrid CF; Athletic Club v Real Valladolid Dptvo; CR Murcia v Real Sporting.

Nov. 27 (Apr. 1): Real Zaragoza CD v UD Salamanca; Cádiz CF v FC Barcelona; Real Sociedad F v Club Atlético de Madrid; Valencia CF v Sevilla FC; CD Málaga v Club Atlético Osasuna; Real Betis Balompié v RCD Mallorca; Real Madrid CF v Athletic Club; Real Valladolid Dptvo v CR Murcia; RCD Español v Real Sporting.

Dec. 4 (Apr. 8): UD Salamanca v RCD Español; FC Barcelona v Real Zaragoza CD; Club Atlético de Madrid v Cádiz CF; Sevilla FC v Real Sociedad F; Club Atlético Osasuna v Valencia CF; RCD Mallorca v CD Málaga; Athletic Club v Real Betis Balompié; CR Murcia v Real Madrid CF; Real Sporting v Real Valladolid Dptvo.

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Dec. 14 (Apr. 22): RCD Español v FC Barcelona; Club Atlético de Madrid v UD Salamanca; Sevilla FC v Real Zaragoza CD; Club Atlético Osasuna v Cádiz CF; RCD Mallorca v Real Sociedad F; Athletic Club v Valencia CF; CR Murcia v CD Málaga; Real Sporting v Real Betis Balompié; Real Valladolid Dptvo v Real Madrid CF.

Jan. 1 (Apr. 29): FC Barcelona v Club Atlético de Madrid; UD Salamanca v Sevilla FC; Real Zaragoza CD v Club Atlético Osasuna; Cádiz CF v RCD Mallorca; Real Sociedad F v Athletic Club; Valencia CF v CR Murcia; CD Málaga v Real Sporting; Real Betis Balompié v Real Valladolid Dptvo; Real Madrid CF v RCD Español.

Birkerød go up and up!

A RECENT glance at the Danish Second Division table showed that a team called Birkerød were top. Nothing remarkable in that, except for the fact that to get to the Second Division Birkerød had been promoted no less than five years running.

Their meteoric rise may well be a world record.

Under the Danish system there is automatic promotion up the non-league hierarchy and into the Danish football league, which comprises three divisions. Thus, each year the bottom four clubs in the Third Division drop down into non-league football, while four non-league teams are promoted. No old pals act here.

Birkerød entered Division Three in 1981 (after promotion for four consecutive years) and were again promoted, to the Second Division, at the first attempt.

The 1982 season was a time of consolidation which almost resulted in a minor crisis when towards the end of the season a bad run pushed them near to the relegation zone.

Qualities

This season, under the guidance of new trainer David Christensen, promotion to the First Division looks a real possibility.

In the midst of Denmark's semi-professionalism, Birkerød are strictly amateurs who play for the love of the game, and who have shown that natural skill and flair are qualities that money cannot buy. Some of the players have been with the club since the old Serie 2 days: Henning Sterup, 257 appearances prior to this season, Jesper Graham (216) and Søren Mogensen (184) providing the experience in the defence. Up front, Michael Nielsen has matured into a first-rate striker and with five goals from the first six matches of the season could well finish as one of the top scorers in the league.

The team is now a good blend of youth and experience, with many of the players having graduated from the club's junior teams. Having grown up with the club, there is a feeling of commitment, and the lack of financial considerations creates a cavalier attitude to the game which is refreshing in these days of tactical sterility.

With a ground capacity of only 4,000, and average attendances of about 1,000, Birkerød are in every sense a small club. That they have progressed so rapidly says much for their fighting spirit, and it looks like they are here to stay in Danish football. Birkerød are experts in the art of the possible.

Cross-section

NORWAY Compiled by Thorbjorn Skaardal

AT the halfway mark in the Norwegian season — when the clubs and players get a month's break — Valerengen of Oslo topped the table, three points clear of Bryne and Lillestroem.

IFK Gothenburg coach Gunder Bengtsson took over during the winter and his methods attracted a great deal of success but also harsh criticism for their early safety-first methods.

However towards halfway, Valerengen began to win over the fans, with Pal Jacobsen leading the Division One scoring charts with nine goals.

Other Swedish coaches have also done well. Kent Karlsson is in charge at second-placed Bryne, while Christer Nilsson (Arvika) has done well to keep promoted Kongsvinger in touch with the middle-runners. They produced one of the shocks of the season in beating Start 6-2 away.

Champions Viking have had problems however — particularly at home — and then they were knocked out of the cup in the third round by Third Division Odd Skien.

Another shock was the elimination of holders Brann by Second Division Vidar. They won 4-2 with ex-Viking star Trygve Johannessen scoring a hat-trick.

Kongsvinger 0
Valerengen 3 (Davidsen 23, Austmo 47, Bergsvand 81).
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 6,794. **Ref:** Rolf Haugen, Lillehammer.
Kongsvinger: Østby, Holth, Saunderud, Berstad, Steen, Tomteberget, Pellerud, Nordnes, Nystuen, Nysaeter, Rydje (Jansen 75).
Valerengen: T. R. Jacobsen, Bredesen, Sollied, Austmo, Brevik, Bjarnøy, Gran (Eriksen 70), Davidsen, Johansen, P. Jacobsen, Bergsvand.

Mjondalen 0
Eik 0
Att: 3,378. **Ref:** Torbjørn Aas, Brage.
Mjondalen: Ystenes, Krangnes, Aulie, Wilson, Kristiansen, Røed, Forsnes, (Ødegaard 70), Kortgaard, Dahle, Johnsen, Marcussen (Hansen 83).
Eik: Thorstvedt, Nilsen, Ravndal, Halvorsen, Vikan, Melstveit, Østerud, Sandberg, Johansen, Antonsen, Holm.

Start 0
Bryne 2 (Ertesvåg 3, Totland 63)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,690. **Ref:** Kjell Nordby, Rygge.
Start: Rørheim, Pedersen, Ødegaard, Fjelde, Haugen, Osvold, Emmanuelsen (Ervik 75), Klepp, Mathisen, Aase, Haaberg (Saether 80).
Bryne: Nygaard, Iversen, Sirevåg, Ertesvåg, Skjaeveland, Herrem, Totland (Ottesen 75), G. Engstrøm, Høyland, Vaule, Maeland (B. Engstrøm 85).

Viking 2 (Hellvik 9, Tangen 55)
Brann 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,839. **Ref:** Rolf Nyhus, Nordstrand.
Viking: Johannessen, Refvik, Henriksen, Ravndal, Hammer, Fjaelberg, Andersen, Hellvik, Kvia (Austenå 80), Svendsen, Tangen (Svela 87).
Brann: Johannessen, Brandtun, Brandt, Dahl, Hjorth (Møller 63), Pedersen, (Noreide 71), Giske, Krogh, Risa, Dalhaug.

Rosenborg 2 (Johansen 10, Husby 52)
Moss 2 (Henriksen 33, 38)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 6,380. **Ref:** Frank Skadal, Brann.
Rosenborg: By Rise, Sommervold, Ødegård, Bratseth, Hagen, Jenshus, Brandhaug, Knutsen (Hansen 51), Johansen, Husby, Moen.
Moss: Skauen, Gjestrumbakken, Deunk, Vinje, Grøndalen, Gregersen, Kollshaugen (Grønstad 74), Halvorsen (Heliasz 68), Henriksen, Henaes, Rafn.

Lillestrom 1 (Sundby 83)
Hamkam 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,728. **Ref:** Torbjørn Aas, Brage.
Lillestrom: Amundsen, Madsen, Grønlund, Bjerkeland, Smedås, Soler, A. Erlandsen, Richardsen (B. Erlandsen 75), Holtet (Rønold 75), Sundby, Krogsaeter.

ARTEMIO FRANCHI

ARTEMIO FRANCHI, killed in a car crash in Italy at the age of 61, was only the third elected president in UEFA's nearly 30-year history.

The first, Ebbe Schwartz, was succeeded in 1962 by Gustav Wiederkehr. He died in 1972 and Franchi was elected the following spring.

At the time of his election Franchi was a UEFA vice-president, chairman of the European championship organising committee, president of the Italian Federation and holder of a number of other important posts.

A persuasive and experienced football diplomat, his roots were in Florence from where he rose through the administrative ranks in record time.

From club secretary he became a member of the regional referee's committee, graduated to become secretary of the regional league, president of the semi-professional league and from commissioner to vice-president and ultimately to president of the FIGC, the Italian Federation.

In 1962 he joined UEFA, working first as a member of the propaganda committee, and then in the organising committee of the European club competitions.

In 1968, at first attempt, he won election to the UEFA executive committee and soon became a powerful figure inside the world body, FIFA.

Under his leadership UEFA expanded, moved to their present headquarters in Berne, stepped up their series of trainers' and referees' courses, and increased the size of the European championship finals.

This may not go down as Franchi's most successful move. Certainly he was bitterly disappointed by the poor attendances for the inaugural eight-team finals in Italy in 1980.

But he presided over few major setbacks during a decade which saw enormous changes above all in the complex challenges presented by the arrival of major sponsorship.

Last season, for the first time, shirt advertising was permitted in European competitions at club level. The thin end of a dangerous wedge, or a typically adroit Franchi compromise? Time will tell; just as it's only with time that his leadership of the European game can be judged.

Dominique Bathenay . . . French Cup winner with Paris Saint-Germain.

Shamrock Rovers have new manager

JIM McLOUGHLIN is the new manager of Shamrock Rovers. Derry-born McLoughlin had over nine years experience as player and manager with Dundalk, Ireland's most successful club in recent times, before twice resigning at the end of last season.

Following his first resignation, the Dundalk directors managed to persuade McLoughlin to reconsider but a week after retracting his resignation he again resigned, and almost immediately joined Shamrock Rovers who had been without an established manager since John Giles washed his hands of Irish football.

Jim Beglin had the distinction of being the last signing of Bob Paisley when he joined Liverpool from Shamrock Rovers in April. The fee, which officially is "secret", is reported to be £30,000 received by Rovers with the possibility of Liverpool travelling to Dublin for an "exhibition" match either during or at the end of next season. Beglin, himself, is regarded to be on a two-year contract worth £25,000.

Elsewhere, both UCD and Home Farm successfully applied for re-election to the LOI.

Applications for election to the league by no fewer than three Cork clubs were rejected as was an application from Sporting Club of Thurles.

The Kentucky Fried Chicken L of I will remain with 14 clubs, the other major development being a reversion to two points for a win; one for a draw. Many managers felt that the present English system gave the league table an unbalanced look.

There was discussion recently in regard to a two-divisioned league for season 1984-85 with proposals for a First Division of 12 clubs with eight teams comprising the Second Division.

Finally, the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) announced a profit for season 1982-83 of £20,000 while Fran Fields (Finn Harps) was elected president of the League of Ireland replacing Donie O'Halloran after five years.

Dual cont

STRUGGLING out of the mire, out of the endless wrangles and quarrels, Saint Etienne have decided for this new season to put themselves in the hands of a duo: Jean-Marie Elie, ex-player, ex-youth team coach, is the new so called technical director. In charge of all training and selection is the former international defender, Jean Djorkaeff.

He wasn't by any means the first choice. Saint Etienne tried Gerard Houllier, that educated and talented fellow, who not surprisingly decided to stay with Lens, whom he had got into Europe, as they say. The contentious, talented, eternally controversial Georges Peyroche, equally predictably, didn't like the idea of dual control. He wants to be boss.

Elie would no doubt have been boss entirely were it not for the fact that he still hasn't got the relevant coaching certificates. So he has had to wheel in or see wheeled in Djorkaeff, but since he seems a mild, reasonable, though far from flaccid man, all may yet be well. He certainly won't put up with bad behaviour. That is why he is letting go one of the club's most lively young attacking talents, in the shape of Laurent Paganelli, a boy wonder long expected to do great things for the club. But on the transfer list he went after making an offensive gesture at the crowd following a match against Mulhouse.

Major regret

Others have of course gone, too. The team seems almost to have been dismembered. Gérard Janvion, so long a bulwark both in midfield and in the back four, Elie contenting himself with the terse reflection that Janvion had wanted to get away for a long time. As for Genghini, scorer of that wonderful, winning free-kick goal against Austria in Madrid last year, he had had an indifferent first, and only, season with Saint Etienne, and Elie wasn't opposed to his going. He also sympathised with Battiston's desire to play for a team competing in a European cup.

His one major regret, he says, is that he should have been appointed just a single day too late to prevent another fine young striker, Laurent Roussey, leaving the club. Roussey had already given his word to Toulouse; though since then, there have been problems about payment.

The Danish winger Christensen had to be released, says Elie, because he wanted to return to Denmark, but his contract was such that no one there could afford to buy him.

So who's left, and who is coming? Well, a couple of promising juniors, Daniel and Primard, have been promoted to the pros. The veteran Latin-American striker Carlos Diarte, apparently still in fine physical shape, has been acquired. Strenuous attempts have been made to sign a World Cup hero, the Algerian left-winger Madjer, but Second Division Racing Club de Paris — shades of a great past — offered him more. Watch this space. From Nice comes Sab, and the position of libero goes now to the accomplished international midfielder, Alain Moizan, who always wanted to play there, anyway.

Elie admits that all the trouble and turbulence in the club — and the ever ebullient and contentious Roger Rocher is still whipping up petitions in the town — delayed the start of a transfer campaign, with the inevitable consequences. Elie says he would like to come in the first seven this season, which seems a reasonable ambition in the bleakish circumstances, but alas we may not have had the last of trouble in the town.

Three seasons

Another player on the move has been that prolific Italian-born Argentine, Delio Onnis, who after three seasons with the now relegated Tours, seasons in which this fine veteran continued to demonstrate his amazing capacity to score goals galore under almost any circumstances, has signed for Toulon.

There were ups and downs over bonuses, Onnis' suggestion that they be equally shared by the whole first team pool being disputed by several players, ups and downs when the manager early in the season criticised the team in the Press for poor results, rather than to its face. But Onnis points out that, having come to Tours in the hope and expectation of scoring 20 goals a season, he had in fact put away 70 in three seasons; no mean record since, as he points out, various

rol Etienne

from Andre Duclos.

troubles virtually reduced the last one to a mere half season. He did offer to leave to calm the waters, but the President turned him down. Now he's left, and Tours' loss will assuredly be Toulouse's gain.

There's a well known new foreign manager at Strasbourg; though he hasn't had to come all that far. He is the West German, Jurgen Sundermann, formerly if somewhat controversially the manager of VfB Stuttgart. Having been defenestrated there, the blond and sturdy Sundermann took over the local Kickers club, but was summoned in haste from the Second Division (whence he had brought up VfB) to the First where Schalke 04 were struggling.

How close he came to saving them! They went down, and out, only after a play off series. The consequent prolongation of their season meant that Mulhouse decided to hire Gerard Banide from Monaco rather than Sundermann; but then Strasbourg swooped and there he is, speaking very good French, be it said, though he's never studied it. In fact he played a while for Servette of Geneva, has a Swiss wife, and two sons still in school in Switzerland; one good reason why the geographical location of Strasbourg was a substantial incentive.

Can he bring back the kind of crowds which used to flock to the Strasbourg ground under Gilbert Gress; 22,000 odd — though that hardly compared with the 54,000 crowds which used to pour into the Stuttgart ground when Sundermann was riding high. The President M. Bord, all too conscious that the crowds had sunk to a worrying 6,000, feels Sundermann may provide the stimulus so badly needed. He offered, you might say, to kick the previous incumbent, Roger Lemerre, upstairs. Then Norman Lemerre wasn't so keen to be an office man; he feels he has another five or six years out on the field still in him.

The new season promises to be another good one for the man whose header off the line by the left-hand goalpost in Valladolid kept France in the World Cup last year against Czechoslovakia. I mean, of course, Manuel Amoros, now, despite his youth, a well established international. He is still only 21 years old, and so much has happened in the last eighteen months or so.

Johan Cruyff is his idol. He says politely that he regrets the going from Monaco of Gérard Banide, but that's part of football. No, he doesn't know Lucien Muller, the new manager, but he is aware he was a good footballer and comes from Las Palmas. Calmly he faces a beckoning future.

The great Johan Cruyff in action.

FIXTURES
Portugal

PORTUGAL FIXTURES
(Reverse dates in brackets)

Aug. 28 (Feb. 5): Estoril v Agueda; Rio Ave v Sp Braga; Vit. Setúbal v Benfica; Portimonense v Farense; Sporting v Penafiel; Vit. Guimarães v Varzim; Espinho v Boavista; FC Porto v Salgueiros.

Sept. 3 (Feb. 12): Agueda v FC Porto; Sp. Braga v Estoril; Benfica v Rio Ave; Farense v Vit. Setúbal; Penafiel v Portimonense; Varzim v Sporting; Boavista v Vit. Guimarães; Salgueiros v Espinho.

Sept. 11 (Feb. 19): Agueda v Sp. Braga; Estoril v Benfica; Rio Ave v Farense; Vit. Setúbal v Penafiel; Portimonense v Varzim; Sporting v Boavista; Vit. Guimarães v Salgueiros; FC Porto v Espinho.

Sept. 25 (Feb. 26): Sp. Braga v FC Porto; Benfica v Águeda; Farense v Estoril; Penafiel v Rio Ave; Varzim v Vit. Setúbal; Boavista v Portimonense; Salgueiros v Sporting; Espinho v Vit. Guimarães.

Oct. 1 (Mar. 4): Sp. Braga v Benfica; Agueda v Farense; Estoril v Penafiel; Rio Ave v Varzim; Vit Setubal v Boavista; Portimonense v Salgueiros; Sporting v Espinho; FC Porto v Vit. Guimarães.

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Jan. 7 (May 6): Varzim v Boavista; Penafiel v Salgueiros; Farense v Espinho; Benfica v Vit. Guimarães; Sp. Braga v Sporting; Águeda v Portimonense; Estoril v Vit. Setúbal; FC Porto v Rio Ave.

Jan. 15 (May 13): FC Porto v Boavista; Salgueiros v Varzim; Espinho v Penafiel; Vit. Guimarães v Farense; Sporting v Benfica; Portimonense v Sp. Braga; Vit. Setúbal v Águeda; Rio Ave v Estoril.

Jan. 22 (May 20): Boavista v Salgueiros; Varzim v Espinho; Penafiel v Vit. Guimarães; Farense v Sporting; Benfica v Portimonense; Sp. Braga v Vit. Setúbal; Águeda v Rio Ave; Estoril v FC Porto.

Cup Final venue row continues

BY THE time this appears the last great question concerning Portuguese soccer in 1982-83 will have been answered: who wins the cup? writes Jose Rio Fernandes.

As reported previously, Benfica and Porto couldn't agree on the venue.

Porto had long campaigned to get the final taken away from a traditional venue in Lisbon, because this favoured Benfica, Sporting and the others.

Benfica, however, opposed the switch of the final to Porto's own Das Antas on the same grounds.

In the end the federation tried to switch the game midway between the two cities, to Coimbra. But Porto then threatened to boycott the final because this was still an attempt to alter the original decision to go to Das Antas.

Finally the federation went back to the original idea and so the final will have taken place in Oporto on August 21. Benfica, angry, threatened to field their reserve team. But as far as European qualification was concerned nothing mattered: Benfica as champions went into the European Cup meaning Porto were guaranteed a place in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

In winning the league incidentally, for those who like statistics, Benfica achieved the following:

They have never finished below fourth place since the first championship in 1934-35; they have been champions 25 times and runners-up 15 times; they have totalled 1,210 matches with 862 won, 198 drawn and 150 lost, scoring 3,438 goals and conceding 1,211; they totalled 1,922 points!

from Rob Pateman

ROTHMANS have sponsored a new inter-club competition which they hope will become an annual event. Open to an invited selection of the best clubs in Africa not involved in the two major intercontinental trophies the initial event was staged in the Ivory Coast, giving the hosts good practice for next year's African Nations Cup. Surprisingly the home side, Stella, failed to shine, losing their opening game 3-1 to FC 105 of Gabon.

In the second and decisive match with Power Dynamo of Zambia they recovered from an early own goal to draw level by half-time but finally lost in the second half to a fine curving free kick hit home by Msiska.

In Group B Tonnerre of Cameroun were in command, beating Bendel Insurance of Nigeria 3-1 and drawing with Zimbabwe side Rio Tinto. The Nigerian side, however, recovered from their opening defeat to beat Tinto for the second semi-final place.

At this stage both group winners advanced to the final safety, Dynamos beating Bendel 2-1 and Tonnerre getting the better of FC 105 by the same score.

The final, however, failed to produce a goal despite some fine football that kept the large crowd in the magnificent Houphouet Boigny stadium happy. The trophy was finally decided on penalties, Power Dynamo coming out on top 5-4.

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RED ARROWS emerged as winners of the Cup of Champions Final in Zambia beating Power Dynamo 2-1 in the final and they will represent Zambia in next year's African Cup Winners Cup.

Dynamos, who beat league champions Nkana in the semi-finals, were hoping for success in the cup to help make up for the disastrous start they have made in the league, the first four games leaving them with just one point and ten goals conceded. As Dynamo hover around the bottom of the table it leaves Nkana, Nchange, Arrows and Kabwe Warriors as the early leaders.

Despite their poor start to the league there were plenty of Dynamos names put forward for early nominations for the Player of the Year award. Peter Kaumba and Alex Chola (despite the missed penalty that cost Zambia the Nations Cup tie with Sudan), being joined by Michael Musonda, Lucky Msiska and Stafford Mutalama. Other players enjoying a good start to the season include Mufulira Wanderers goalkeeper Efford Chabala, the young Nkana full-back John Kalusa and striker Jack Chanda. Chanda, whose transfer to Kabwe Warriors is at last going through, was taken off the pitch in the decisive second leg match with Sudan, a decision that has brought heavy criticism here.

That African Nations Cup defeat was a bitter blow, Zambia were after all third in the competition last year, but the side are at least through to the next round of the Olympics following the withdrawal of Mauritius.

Officially the island felt they could not raise the necessary finance but their dropping out might have something to do with the 9-0 thrashing they received the last time these two sides met. Problems too for Nkana coach Geoff Butler who was fined K20 and banned for one month for his behaviour in the Nkana v Ndola United game.

WHAT WITH all this talk of 4-2-4 and 4-4-2 and Algeria beating West Germany in Spain it becomes very easy to think of Africa as a carbon copy of Europe. Therefore I was quite grateful to the players and fans of Stationery Stores and Asecs for reminding me that Africa was still Africa.

The event was their second round Cup Winners Cup match in Lagos in which the referee took both sides off the pitch early in the second half after a series of fights. The problems started at the start of the match when the Asec goalkeeper was seen to bury an object behind his goal. Enraged Stationery players and fans were convinced that there was black magic going on and tempers led to fights both on and off the pitch.

The end result of it all is that Stationery Stores have been suspended from the competition and Kalilu Amusah, the worst offender amongst their players, has been suspended for three years.

Rothmans sponsor tourney

ANGOLA are to attend this year's Independence tournament in Zambia which will give their team another chance to build on its growing reputation.

Recent results have included a 4-0 win over Gabon and a spirited fight against Nigeria in the Nations Cup. Angola actually beat the West African side at home but lost the tie 2-1.

A crowd of 60,000 watched that match but, almost uniquely for Africa, the sport takes second place to basketball.

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INTERNATIONAL midfield star Stix Mtizwa is reported to be in hospital in Zimbabwe and in a serious condition following an accident in his car.

Harare was the stage for a meeting between the officials of the new COSAFA which outlined the following schedule for 1983/84:

July 1983: Senior competition for national teams in Zambia.

September 1983: Youth competition in Zimbabwe.

March 1984: International club competition in Botswana.

These dates do not clash with any East African fixtures, supporting the claim that the new organisation does not intend to be a rival to the CECAFA; however, nations in both organisations, and these include Zimbabwe, Malawi and Zambia, are unlikely to be able to finance entry to both sets of tournaments.

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KENYA: A win at last for Leopards who beat Ferroviario 3-2 in a friendly match as the Mozambique side were passing through on their way home from their Champions Cup tie in Uganda. Hardly a great victory as Ferroviario were obviously tired and depressed from their recent defeat but the home fans were happy enough and once again invaded the pitch after the final whistle for what is becoming their weekly battle with the Nairobi riot police.

UGANDA: Villa through to the Champions Cup quarter-finals and the Olympic team half-way to the second round, or so it would appear after their impressive 4-1 victory over Algeria. Hasule (2), Omondi and Issa Sekatawa were the scorers of the goals that will give the Cranes a good start in their second leg match.

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MOZAMBIQUE: Mario Coluna, the former dynamo of Benfica and Portugal, has lost his job as team manager to the Mozambique national team. Officially Coluna quit for personal reasons but his going has been rumoured ever since the 4-0 defeat by Cameroon and became almost certain when Mozambique lost 1-0 at home to Zimbabwe in their Olympic qualifying match. Joao Albasini, who has won considerable success for club sides Maxaquene and Desportivo, is to take over the post.

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TANZANIA: Pan African still continue to flop, a defeat to Maji Maji just about destroyed their last hopes of catching up with the leaders. Maji Maji themselves, in third place, have a good chance of taking at least the runners-up spot and with it a place in the national play-off tournament. Favourites, however, for these spots remain leaders Young Africans and second placed Simba. A welcome visitor here is the former Manchester goalkeeper Bert Trautmann who is to run a coaching course in Arusha.

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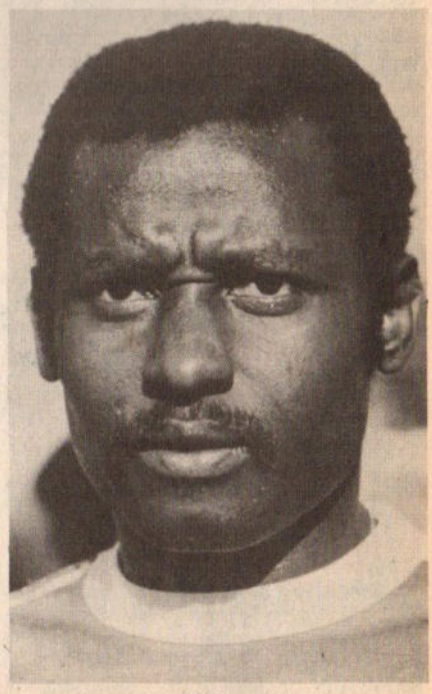

Lea N'Doumbe

Watch out . . . Seiko time run to beat Bulova

From Alister W. Coutts in Hong Kong

SEIKO finally emerged as Hong Kong's national champions after finishing one point clear of sister club Bulova in an exciting race which only ended with the final league game.

Bulova, with former Scottish international players Tommy Hutchison and Derek Parlane in good form throughout the season, had only themselves to blame for they went into their last game needing a two goal win over cellar dwellers Sea Bee to clinch the title.

This was not to be for Sea Bee, with the former Manchester United star Nikki Jovanovic in great form, defended resolutely and Bulova despite having the league's top attack could not find a way through Sea Bees packed defence and the game ended in a goal-less draw.

Although Seiko won the league for the fifth successive season they were far from impressive and their former Dutch international stars Joop Wilbret, Theo De Jong, Dick Nanninga and Carl Bonsink who form the backbone to the team all struggled for long spells during the season.

The exciting title run-in took attention away from the Hong Kong Football Association's controversial decision to play the three Hong Kong cup finals during the final month of the season and the result was disappointing both in terms of crowd attendance and playing performance. The results of the cup finals were:

FA Cup: Bulova 3 Rangers 0
Viceroy Cup: Bulova 2 Eastern 1
Senior Shield: Happy Valley 3 Seiko 2

In the FA Cup Final Bulova, with former English league players Hutchison and Barry Daines playing their final match in Hong Kong, were far too good for the young Rangers side, who went into the final without the services of their two most experienced players Derek Spence and Jimmy Bone.

Derek Parlane struck in the third minute and when Clive Haywood added a second the game as a contest was effectively killed. In a hard and bruising final each team had a player sent off in the second half.

Barry Powell the former Derby star, was the first to receive his marching orders and was closely followed by Rangers young Scottish centre back Paul Rogers.

Bulova had reached the final after beating Seiko 2-0 in a closely fought contest. Playing with a make-shift team Seiko never looked like winning and Bulova made it four wins out of four this season against their arch rivals.

Seiko were a pale shadow of the team which played so well for most of the season and it will be no surprise if the Seiko management axe many of their current crop of Dutch stars.

If Bulova were expected to reach the final then the same could not be said for their opponents Rangers who provided the Cups shock result when they dumped Happy Valley 3-0 in a surprisingly one sided match.

In the Viceroy Cup Final Scottish striker Parlane performed a one man demolition job on Eastern by scoring the two goals which won Bulova the Cup. The game went to extra time after the teams were level at one apiece at the end of normal time.

The score line, however, did not reflect the overall superiority of the Bulova side for Parlane was ably supported in attack by Peter Foley and Clive Haywood and midfielders Barry Powell, Tommy Hutchison and Chan Fatchi were always in control.

The score line would have been much greater had it not been for the efforts on Roger Hansbury the former Norwich City star who thwarted Bulova time after time.

If Eastern disappointed in the final it was partly because of their magnificent performance in beating league champions Seiko 3-2 in the semi-final. Again it was Roger Hansbury who emerged as the Eastern star for he magnificently saved a well struck penalty taken by Seikos captain Wu Kwok-hung just six minutes from time. On this occasion however Hansbury was well supported by Greg Shepherd, Terry Cochrane and Don Shanks.

Shepherds magnificent volley at the end of an five man interpassing movement made it the goal of the season and capped a fine season for the young striker.

In the other semi-final Bulova cruised effortlessly past Sea Bee thanks to a four minute spell in the second half which saw them score three times through Peter Foley, Clive Haywood and Sze Kinhay.

Sea Bee scored a consolation goal in the final minute when Duncan Davidson scored from the penalty spot and can rue their first half misses which cost them a place in the final.

In the Senior Shield Happy Valley won their first trophy in six years when they defeated Seiko 3-2 in a pulsating match. With Nick Deacy in commanding form in the heart of the Happy Valley defence and Micky Horswill and Yu Kin-tak working hard in midfield, life was made very difficult for Seiko who had been expected to have too much skill for this young Valley team.

Certainly the finer touches came from Seiko but the grit and determination to win belonged to Valley. Seiko were well served by captain Wu Kwok-hung and Tim Bredbury in midfield and Karel Bonsink in attack but their defence was a veritable shambles allowing Happy Valley to run riot infront of the Seiko goal.

Both Dave Wiffell and new signing John Hawley, the former Arsenal player, performed well and had it not been for some controversial decisions by the referee Happy Valley would have won by a more handsome margin.

Seiko were fortunate even to have got through to the final for they were outclassed by Rangers in the semi-final and only a fortunate, yet well taken, goal by Tim Bredbury in the final minute put them through. Rangers were well served by youngsters John Watson, Danny Rose and Paul Rodger and it was their experienced players Jimmy Bone and Derek Spence who failed to produce the goods in this vital game.

For Rangers their exit from the Shield ended any hope they may have entertained of capturing a trophy this season. They played exceedingly well against a vastly more experienced Seiko side and only lost due to a momentary lapse of concentration which saw Seiko win through.

The other semi-final, by contrast, was a dour depressing and bad tempered struggle which saw Bulova midfielder Tommy Hutchison sent off ten minutes from time for retaliating after having been fouled by Easterns Wong Chi-fai. In the end the game was decided on penalties and Happy Valley emerged by a 3-2 margin to meet Seiko in the final.

With the season now at a close the Hong Kong Football Association have taken the decision to reduce the number of foreign players currently playing in the colony and it is likely that season 1983-84 will see a maximum of five foreign players per club.

This move, similar to regulations enacted in both Italy and the United States in an attempt to protect the development of local players is unlikely to affect the total number of foreign players playing in Hong Kong as second and even third division clubs are attempting to secure the use of players released by the premier division clubs in response to the new legislation.

LEAGUE TABLES : FINAL 1982-83

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Seiko	18	12	4	2	31	13	28
Bulova	18	10	7	1	36	20	27
Happy Valley	18	7	6	5	25	20	20
Eastern	18	8	4	6	24	22	20
Tung Sing	18	7	3	8	25	31	17
Rangers	18	6	4	8	24	26	16
Ryoden	18	5	6	7	27	32	16
Sea Bee	18	5	5	8	23	32	15
Tsuen Wan	18	4	4	10	19	25	12
South China	18	3	3	12	16	29	9

DIVISION 2

Police	20	15	4	1	55	23	34
Zindabad	20	14	4	2	48	11	32
Club	20	13	4	3	37	13	30
Wah Hung	20	11	6	3	41	18	28
Kui Tan	20	8	3	9	30	23	19
Caroline Hill	20	6	7	7	29	26	19
Po Chai Pills	20	6	6	8	29	30	18
May Ching	20	6	4	10	26	34	16
Double Flower	20	3	7	10	19	43	13
Kowloon Fruit	20	3	2	15	15	49	8
Cheung Wo	20	1	1	18	22	81	3

ASIA and OCEANIA

From Wayne Honeybone and Tom Burns

New Zealand drift into a state of disarray . . .

THE national team of Oceania champions, New Zealand, has drifted into a state of disarray since last year's World Cup finals in Spain.

John Adshead, the Englishman who took New Zealand to the finals for the first time, lost his job as coach and was replaced by fellow countryman, Allan Jones.

Jones made an immediate impact by sacking World Cup captain, Steve Sumner, for a recent tournament in South Korea, favouring defender Allan Boath to guide the team on the field.

The result was a far cry from what New Zealand's public has come to expect with the national team losing to club sides Yukong (Korea) and PSV Einhover (Netherlands). The only win during the President's tournament was against Ghana 2-0 and a draw with Sadan.

That is not the mettle of a nation that played with credit against the might of Brazil, Russia and Scotland just 12 months before.

The problems began soon after the team arrived home from Spain with its players disgruntled about payments.

Adshead backed the players and wanted more say in the programme for the national team.

He was given a firm no and gave notice he would resign.

The New Zealand Football Association told Adshead to finish up forthwith and appointed Jones — the national director of coaching — in his place.

Adshead, a charismatic figure who once earned acclaim telling jokes in nightclubs in the north of England, is now the forgotten man of New Zealand soccer.

He is employed on a radio station doing promotional work after his problems with the NZFA came to a climax just two weeks before a two-international series against arch foe, Australia.

New Zealand's two convincing wins gave Jones a dream start as coach. The wins, home and away, were achieved without Sumner, whose wife was having a baby, and Wynton Rufer, playing in Switzerland for Zurich FC. He was named Switzerland's "discovery of the season".

But then things started going wrong.

Incredibly, when the team for the President's Cup tournament was named, Boath, who filled in for Sumner for the Australian games got the nod for the captaincy.

Sumner's sacking sent shock waves up and down the country. He had scored one of New Zealand's two World Cup goals and remains the most respected player and leader in the country.

"I was disappointed — I felt I had been let down," reflected Sumner.

The first he heard of his dismissal was from a radio reporter wanting to know his reaction.

The only indication Sumner had were from rumours apparently emanating from Boath. himself.

Sumner was retained in the team that represented New Zealand in Korea as a player and is keen to be part of the country's bid to make the 1986 finals in Mexico.

Now aged 28, he is also keen to regain the captaincy.

New Zealand's poor performances in Korea followed comments from the assistant national coach , Kevin Fallon, about "unrest" which threatened the future of the game in New Zealand.

He believed factions within the game were not giving new boss Jones a fair go and spoke of a backlash over the departure of Adshead.

Fallon was Adshead's right-hand man throughout the World Cup campaign which stretched 15 games just to get to Spain. He has remained assistant to Jones.

"John is a friend of mine and I was sorry to see him pull out. But it was his decision. To be quite honest I felt it left new team boss Allan Jones with an impossible task."

Jones says he is not daunted by the task of having to follow in the footsteps of a man who brought respectability to New Zealand football.

He knows the difficulties of taking over from a popular and successful coach who took New Zealand to the World Cup finals for the first time.

Jones also has a solid background as a regional coaching organiser in England for the FA and he has had experience in many areas of coaching and management.

This includes a spell of professional coaching with Bristol City and in non-league soccer he guided the north-eastern club, Blyth Spartans, through a memorable giant-killing run in the FA Cup and to only one round short of an appearance at Wembley in the Amateur Cup.

He will need to call on all his resources to keep New Zealand's new image — one of a developing soccer nation — intact through 1986.

The biggest surprise of the new Rothmans League season is the form of McKee Nelson United. The former Central League club, new in the national competition this year, defeated the strong Gisborne City side 3-0 on their own soil and sit comfortably in third position in the table.

Positions:

Mount Wellington 6 points, Dunedin City 6, McKee Nelson United 4, Napier City Rovers 4, Papatoetoe 3, Hanimex North Shore United 3, National Mutual Miramar 2, Dunedin Technical 1, Wellington Diamond United 1, Christchurch United 1, Gisborne City 1, Manurewa 0. Note: three points for a win, one for a draw.

NEPAL

FOOTBALL in Nepal is about to undergo extensive re-organisation. Under the guidance of the Nepal Sports Council, the All Nepal Football Association is seeking to bring the country's 85 clubs and 2,550 players under one administrative umbrella.

Currently, the domestic game is controlled by 14 regional "Sports Development Committees" (Mechi, Koshi, Sagarmatha, Janakpur, Seti, Narayani, Bagmati, Gandaki, Lumbini, Rapti, Veri, Dahawalagiri, Karnali and Mahakli). These bodies organise their own competitions independently from the ANFA and each other. It is this situation, plus the fact that each region has a different playing season, that has held back the progress of football in the kingdom.

There are, however, six major tournaments organised by the ANFA and held in the capital annually — the Tribhuvan Challenge Shield (first held in 1947 — the oldest and most coveted club trophy), the Birthday Cup, the Mahendra Gold Cup, the Youth Cup, the Martyr's Memorial Cup (a league competition) and the ANFA Cup. The first three are open to Nepalese and invited foreign (usually Indian) clubs. The Youth and Martyr's Cups are for Kathmandu clubs and the ANFA Cup is contested by a Nepal XI and invited foreign teams. Other teams taking part in ANFA Cup in 1982 were the Nepal Youth Team, Gurkha Brigade (Hong Kong), Singha (Thailand), Kunming Garrison (China), Thimpu XI (Bhutan) and Rajasthan of Calcutta (India).

Nepal are ambitious to lift themselves from the basement of Asian soccer and see the re-vamping of their domestic game, along with visits by professional coaches (Rudi Guttendorf recently had a stint in charge of the national team), as an important step towards improving their standards.

1982 Results

Tribhuvan Challenge Shield

Bangalore XI (India) 1 New Road Team (Kathmandu) 0.

Birthday Cup

Mahendra Police Club (Kathmandu) 1 Darjeeling United (India) 0.

Mahendra Gold Cup

Boys Union (Kathmandu) 1 Mahendra Club Calcutta (India) 0.

Youth Cup

3 Star Club Youth Team 3 Rani Pokhari Corner Youth Team 0.

John Adshead . . . what now for New Zealand's World Cup boss?

Martyr's Memorial Cup
Division A: winners Rani Pokhari Corner, 19 points; Runners-up New Road Team 16 points. Division B Nagal Tole Team 12, Machindra Team 10, Division C 3 Star Club 10* Nepal Yuba Joyarita 10.
*Won on goal average.

ANFA Cup
Kunming Garrison 3 Nepal XI 1.

SOUTH EAST ASIA

IT seems that Asia may soon lose the notoriety as being the only continent that does not have a club champions cup.

At a meeting in Bangkok's Florida Hotel in January the secretary of the Asian Football Confederation, Peter Valappan, along with representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, discussed the possibility of a champion club's competition for the South Eastern region.

Talks on this proposal, and the possibility of forming an independent ASEAN Football Federation to promote the sport in the area, will continue during the 12th South East Games in Singapore in May and June this year.

An Asian championship for teams (some entrants were not club sides but state selections) did exist between 1967 and 1971 but the discouraging cost of travel and the constant aggravation caused by the participation of Israeli clubs, brought the competition to a premature end. It is for these reasons that the organisers of the proposed competition will confine participation to the South East Asia area.

The first tournament is tentatively planned for Jakarta in April 1984 and if it proves a success it will augur well for an all-Asia version in the near future.

INDONESIA

THE "Galatama" (Professional League) has now played two-thirds of its games and NIAC Mitra, last year's champions, are still on top.

Indonesia Muda (Indonesia Youth) are second, thanks to their 6-2 victory over lowly Sari Bumi Raya, are along with UMS '80 and Pardedetex (both from Jakarta) pose a serious threat to the Surabaya club's attempt at back-to-back titles.

The talking point of the current competition, however, is the failure of the popular Jayakarta club. Runners-up in '80 and '82, and three times winners of the pre-Galatama national play-offs, the Jakarta club is languishing at the foot of the table without a win, and, unless they find a goal scorer, seem certain to be relegated.

Although the Galatama has brought much-needed organisation to Indonesian football, many clubs are feeling the pinch of professionalism as attendances remain small — only 2,000 turned out for the Indonesia Muda — Sari Bumi Raya clash. Three clubs found the going too tough and dropped out of the league at the end of last season — Tidar Sakti (Bandung) and the Jakarta clubs Buana Putra and Cahaya Kita. As no clubs were breaking their necks to fill the vacancies, the league decided, for economic reasons, to limit the competition to the remaining 15 clubs.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NIAC Mitra	19	12	4	3	37	13	28
Indonesia Muda	19	12	3	4	34	19	27
UMS '80	19	9	8	2	27	12	26
Pardedetex	19	10	5	4	24	14	25
Warna Agung	20	9	6	5	24	18	24
Perkesa '78	19	8	8	3	17	11	24
Makasar Utama	21	8	7	6	18	13	23
Arseto	20	6	10	4	33	24	22
Tunas Inti	19	7	6	6	26	25	20
Mercu Buana	19	4	10	5	15	12	18
Sari Bumi Raya	19	5	6	8	19	22	16
Jaka Utama	19	5	2	12	19	34	12
Angkasa	20	2	7	11	13	34	11
Jayakarta	20	0	10	10	6	24	10
Bintang Timur	20	1	4	15	12	49	6

AUSTRALIA

THE National Soccer League will almost certainly be divided into two regional (North and South) leagues of 12 clubs each in 1984.

Although the NSL council of clubs has agreed to regionalisation, the plan has to be officially presented to the ASF's NSL subcommittee for ratification.

At this stage it appears that the Northern section will comprise the present five NSL clubs from Sydney (Marconi, APIA, St George, Sydney Olympic and Sydney City), the two Brisbane clubs (Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions) plus Canberra City, Newcastle United and Wollongong City — leaving two to be added.

The Southern League will have the four Melbourne NSL sides (Heidelberg United, Preston Makedonia, South Melbourne Hellas and Footscray JUST) and the two from Adelaide (Adelaide City and West Adelaide) — leaving six clubs to be added.

There is no plan to admit clubs from either Tasmania or West Australia so the new clubs will have to come from the State Leagues and this will cause friction between the NSL and the respective State bodies.

Karl Rodney, President of the strong New South Wales Soccer Federation, has stated that his league is not prepared to lose any more clubs to the NSL and will do everything possible to oppose the plan. The Victorian Soccer Federation is likely to follow suit.

Perhaps if the state bodies were given some organisational responsibilities and representation on the NSL board (something they don't have at present) they would lend their support to regionalisation.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

WITH an unprecedented feast of goals, Buresong of Lae became the fourth national club champions of Papua New Guinea.

In a much re-arranged competition (due to many clubs withdrawing because of the absence of a sponsor), the Lae champions thrashed Coastal Brothers (9-1), Goroka Guria (10-1), Momase (8-1) and Port Moresby Guria (5-1) to reach the semi-finals.

Another emphatic victory in the semis, 5-1 over classy Sunam of Port Moresby, paved the way for another clash with Port Moresby Guria (surprise 2-0 victors over holders Mopi in the other semi) in the final.

An excellent crowd of 7,000 turned out at the Lae Football Ground for the final and they were not disappointed with the football.

Guria started brightly with midfielders Wabi and Ananias controlling the play but could not convert their superiority into goals. Buresong took full advantage of this and scored first through Timeang then Sami, before Wabi pulled one back, to lead at the break.

The second half, however, saw Buresong back to their best. PNG International, Sami, scored another five (taking his total to 31 goals in six matches!) and the Lae side romped to an easy 7-3 victory to lift the trophy.

SINGAPORE

TIONG BAHRU virtually made sure of taking the championship with a 1-0 defeat of Farrer Park United, the reigning champs, at the Jalan Besar Stadium. With only six games remaining Tiong are two points ahead with two games in hand.

This defeat also increased United's relegation worries. They are now only one point ahead of Armed Forces and three ahead of Cairnhill and must improve if they are to avoid the embarrassment of relegation a year after winning the title.

The surprise of the season has been the form of newly-promoted Toa Payoh United. They are currently second on the ladder and until their 2-1 loss to Changi, had a real chance at the title.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tiong Bahru CSC	12	8	3	1	16	3	27
Toa Payoh United	14	7	4	3	20	9	25
Farrer Park Dynamos	13	6	3	4	17	14	21
Changi CSC	13	6	3	4	16	13	21
Tampines Rovers	14	6	1	7	17	22	19
Police SA	12	5	1	6	19	14	16
Farrer Park United	13	4	4	5	18	20	16
SAFSA	13	4	3	6	8	12	15
Cairnhill FC	13	3	4	6	14	26	13
Kaki Bukit SC	13	2	2	9	18	30	5

NB: three points for a win; one for a draw.

European Championship progress

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Bogota — friendly
Colombia 1 (Diaz 76)
Poland 1 (Wdowczyk 25)
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Colombia: Zape — Luna, Molina, Viafara, Bolano — Sarmiento, Caicero (Herrera), Peluffo (Ortiz) — De Avila (Barrios), Diaz, Valderrama.

Poland: Kazimierski — Kubicki, Walczak, Wdowczyk, Budka (Sokolewski) — Chojnacki (Urban), Miloszewicz (Bak), Ostrowski (Kensy) — Filipczak, Pawlak, Sgucynski.

The Poles have been busy this summer while the rest of Europe's international sides have been resting. This South American jaunt followed on a visit to France for a series of matches against club sides. The Colombians used the match as preparation for their South American championship campaign, while the Poles' squad was an experimental team of players with ambitions both for places in the senior national side and the Olympic team. Wdowczyk provided Antoni Piechniczek's men with a half-time lead, and to the delight of the 20,000 fans in the El Campin stadium, Diaz equalised with 14 minutes to go.

OTHER MATCHES

July 5 (Sochaux): Sochaux 2 (Agerbeck 27, Simon 55), Poland 2 (Okonski 47, Wijas 70).

July 8 (Villeneuve d'Ascq): Lille 1 (Savic 78), Poland 0.

July 11 (Paris — Paris Tournament semi-final): Rumania 1 (Ataide 10), Botafogo 0 (Other game: Paris SG 4, Maccabi Netanya 1).

July 12 (Lille): Antwerp 1 (Van der Elst), Poland 2 (Okonski, Iwan). (Paris — Paris Tournament Final): Paris SG 0, Rumania 1 (Janvion own goal 57). (3rd place match: Botafogo 4, Maccabi Netanya 1).

July 15 (Le Touquet): Valenciennes 1 (Schaer 30), Poland 2 (Iwan 50, Niewiadowski 65).

CUP OF THE ALPS
Final tables

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Auxerre	4	2	2	0	9	4	7*
Sochaux	4	3	1	0	8	5	7
Lausanne	4	0	2	2	5	9	2
Grasshoppers	4	0	1	3	4	8	1

*one bonus point for a three-goal clear victory.

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monaco	4	3	1	0	13	2	9*
Metz	4	2	2	0	9	7	6
Servette	4	0	3	1	5	9	3
Neuchatel-Xamax	4	0	0	4	4	13	0

*two bonus points for two three-goal clear victories.

Final: Auxerre v Monaco (in August).

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL CUP
Inter-Toto

Group 1	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Twente	4	3	1	0	11	6	7
Standard Liege	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
FC Zurich	4	0	2	2	6	10	2
Fortuna D'dorf	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Group 2							
Slavia Praha	4	4	0	0	12	3	8
Young Boys	4	2	0	2	4	5	4
Slavia Sofia	4	1	0	3	4	9	2
Broendby	4	1	0	3	5	8	2
Group 3							
Pogon Szczecin	4	2	1	1	7	9	5
Malmo	4	2	0	2	6	6	4
St Gallen	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Werder Bremen	3	1	0	2	6	4	2
Group 4							
Maccabi Netanya	5	5	0	0	16	6	10
Aarhus	4	2	0	2	12	9	4
Shimson Tel-Aviv	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Luzern	4	0	1	3	7	16	1
Group 5							
Honved	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Sloboda Tuzla	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
SSW Innsbruck	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Inter Bratislava	3	1	0	2	3	6	2
Group 6							
Odense	4	2	1	1	8	7	5
Bohemians Praha	4	1	3	0	7	6	5
Eisenstadt	4	1	2	1	6	4	4
Viking Stavanger	4	0	2	2	5	9	2
Group 7							
IFK Gothenburg	4	3	0	1	7	3	6
Baltyk Gydnia	3	1	1	1	3	5	3
B1903 Copenhagen	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
Admira Vienna	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Group 8							
Hammarby	4	4	0	0	15	1	8
Arm. Bielefeld	3	2	0	1	2	2	4
Botev Plovdiv	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Bryne	4	0	0	4	0	13	0
Group 9							
Red Star Cheb	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
Videoton	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
Cracovia Krakow	4	1	0	3	3	7	2
Sturm Graz	3	0	0	3	0	6	0
Group 10							
Vitkovice	4	3	1	0	10	5	7
Plovdiv Lok	3	1	0	2	6	6	2
Eintract Bwg	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Elfsborg	3	1	0	2	2	6	2

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA
FULL INTERNATIONALS

July 14
Colombia (1) 2 (Valderrama 2)
Chile (0) 2 (Aravena pen., Hurtado)

Colombia: Zape, Luna, Murillo, Molina, Blanco, Juan Ortiz, Sarmiento, Pelufo, Diaz (Barrios), Cardona (Herrera), Valderrama.

Chile: Rojas, Hisis, L. Valenzuela, L. Herrera, R. Valenzuela, Dubo, Aravena, Soto, Rojas, Letelier (O. Herrera), Hurtado.
Att: 20,000.
Ref: Gilberto Aristizabal (Colombia).

July 15
Paraguay (0) 1 (Delgado)
Argentina 0

Paraguay: Fernandez, Figueredo, Delgado, Surian, Torales, Olmedo, Benitez, Florentin, Hicks (Mino), Almiron (Ferreyra), Morel.

Argentina: Pumpido, Clausen, Trossero, Ruggeri, Garre, Giusti (Rinaldi), Marangoni, Alonso (Burruchaga), Calderon, Gareca, Urruti (Trobbiani).
Ref: Ernesto Filippi (Uruguay).

July 18
Uruguay (0) 1 (Luzardo)
Peru (1) 1 (Carballero)
Centenario stadium anniversary match.

Uruguay: Rodriguez, Montelongo, Esnal, Gutierrez, Gonzalez, Barrios, Agresta, Rabunal (Luzardo), Cabrera, Morena, Acosta (Aguilera).

Peru: Gonzalez, Ramirez, Duarte, Requeña, Rojas, Velasquez, Reyna, Leguia, Malasquez, Navarro, Caballero (Rey Muñoz).
Att: 60,000.
Ref: Claudio Busca (Argentina).

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Libertadores Cup

Semi-Final Group A
June 26
San Cristobal (Venezuela (1) 1 (Barboza)
Nacional (Uruguay) (1) 2 (Gonzalez, Cabrera)

San Cristobal: Fasciana, Barboza, Chessio, Arismendi (Landaeta), Campos, Otero, Moreira (Moreno), Napiloti, De Souza, Febles, Maldonado.

Nacional: Rodriguez, Villasan, Aguirregaray, Torales, Gonzalez, Luzardo, Moreira, Abalde, Brindisi (Perdomo), Cabrera, Aguilera.
Ref: Arago (Brazil).

July 5
Peñarol (Uruguay) (0) 2 (Diogo, Silva)
Nacional (Uruguay) 0

Peñarol: Fernandez, Diogo, Olivera, Gutierrez, Montelongo, Saralegui, Bossio, Salazar, Silva, Morena, Ramos.

Nacional: Rodriguez, Moreira, Torales, Aguirregaray, Gonzalez, Abalde, Perdomo, Luzardo, Aguilera, Cabrera, Brindisi.
Ref: Abel Gnecco (Argentina).

July 8
Nacional (Uruguay) 5 (Luzardo 3, Gonzalez, Cabrera)
San Cristobal (Venezuela) 1 (Chessio)

July 12
Peñarol (Uruguay) (1) 1 (Ramos)
San Cristobal (Venezuela) 0

Peñarol: Fernandez, Diogo, Falero, Gutierrez, D. Siva, Saralegui, Bossio, Zalazar, W. Silva, Morena, Ramos.

San Cristobal: Carreno, Napilotti, Britos, Simonelli, Cardenas (Landaeta), Chessio, Otero, De Souza, Maldonado, Febles, Zelaya (Campos).
Att: 8,000.
Ref: Arturo Ithurralde (Argentina).

July 15
Nacional (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Luzardo)
Peñarol (Uruguay) (1) 2 (Salazar, Aguirregaray og).
Att: 62,000.

Semi-Final Group A — final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peñarol (Uruguay)	4	3	1	0	5	1	7
Nacional (Uruguay)	4	2	0	2	8	6	4
San Cristobal (Venezuela)	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

Semi-final — Group B
July 2
Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina) (0) 2 (Trobbiani, Gurrieri)
America de Cali (Colombia) 0

Estudiantes: Bertero, Camino, Aguero, Guette, Herrera, Russo, Ponce, Sabella, Trama, Trobbiani, Gurrieri.

America: Falcioni, Porras, Espinoza, Reyes, Chaparro, Caicedo, Gonzalez Aquino, Alfaro (Sierra), Penago, Willington Ortiz, Teglia (Lugo — sent off 72).
Ref: Juan Cardellino (Uruguay)

July 5
Gremio Porto Alegre (Brazil) (1) 2 (Caio, Osvaldo)
America de Cali (Colombia) (1) 1 (Batalla)

Gremio: Mazaropi, Paulo Roberto, Baideck, De Leon, Casemiro, China, Osvaldo, Tita, Renato, Caio, Tarciso.

America: Falcioni, Chaparro, Reyes, Espinoza, Porras, Caicedo, Gonzalez, Alfaro, Batalla, Willington Ortiz, Teglia.

July 8
Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina) (1) 3 (Gurrieri 2, Russo)
Gremio Porto Alegre (Brazil) (1) 3 (Osvaldo, Cesar, Renato)

Estudiantes: Bertero, Camino (sent off 70), Guette (Tevez — sent off 75), Gugnali, Aguero, Trobbiani (sent off 29), Russo, Ponce (sent off 29), Sabella, Trama, Gurrieri.

Gremio: Mazzaropi, Paulo Roberto, Lenadro, De Leon, Cassemiro, China, Osvaldo, Tita, Renato, Caio, Tarciso.
Ref: Luis Da Rosa (Uruguay)

July 15
America de Cali (Colombia) 0
Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina) 0

America: Falcioni, Valencia, Espinoza (sent off 21), Reyes, Chaparro, Caicedo, Gonzalez Aquino, Sierra (Penagos), Bataglia, Willington Ortiz, De Avila (Casares).

Estudiantes: Bertero, Malvarez, Gugnali, Guette, Herrera, Aguero (sent off 49), Russo, Sabella, Monzon (Rezza), Trama, Gurrieri.
Ref: Elias Jacome (Ecuador)

Group B final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gremio (Brazil)	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
Estudiantes (Argentina)	4	1	2	1	6	5	4
America (Colombia)	4	1	1	2	2	4	3

OLYMPIC GAMES
Qualifying tournament

AFRICA

Extra-preliminary round: Benin w/o v Sierra Leone — Uganda w/o v Congo — Mauritius w/o v Madagascar — Gambia bt Mauritania (6-2 on agg) — Angola bt Niger — Mozambique bt Lesotho.

First Round

Zambia w/o v Mauritius — Ethiopia w/o v Tanzania.

29.5.83	Senegal v Benin	2-0
12.6.83	Benin v. Senegal	0-2
	Senegal 4-0 on agg	
15.5.83	Guinea v Morocco	0-0
29.5.83	Morocco v Guinea	3-0
	Morocco 3-0 on agg	
26.6.83	Gambia v Ghana	0-2
10.9.83	Ghana v Gambia	1-0
	Ghana 3-0 on agg	
9.7.83	Nigeria v Togo	2-1
24.7.83	Togo v Nigeria	
10.7.83	Angola v Cameroon	1-1
24.7.83	Cameroon v Angola	3-2
	Cameroon 4-3 on agg	
17.4.83	Tunisia v Gabon	3-0
1.5.83	Gabon v Tunisia	1-1
	Tunisia 4-1 on agg	
28.5.83	Uganda v Algeria	4-1
10.6.83	Algeria v Uganda	3-0
	Algeria on away goal, 4-4 agg	
7.5.83	Kenya v Libya	1-0
20.5.83	Libya v Kenya	2-0
	Libya 2-1 on agg	
5.6.83	Sudan v Egypt	0-0
29.7.83	Egypt v Sudan	
29.5.83	Mozambique v Zimbabwe	0-1
12.6.83	Zimbabwe v Mozambique	2-0
	Zimbabwe 3-0 on agg	

CONCACAF
Northern Zone

8.5.83	Canada v Bermuda	6-0
15.5.83	Bermuda v Canada	1-1
8.5.83	Mexico v Bahamas	6-0
29.5.83	Bahamas v Mexico	

Central Zone

11.5.83	Honduras v Costa Rica	0-1
18.5.83	Costa Rica v Honduras	3-2
	Costa Rica 4-2 on agg	
22.5.83	El Salvador v Guatemala	0-2
25.5.83	Guatemala v El Salvador	4-1
	Guetamala 6-1 on agg	

Caribbean Zone

17.2.83	Jamaica v Cuba	0-1
27.2.83	Cuba v Jamaica	4-1
16.1.83	Antigua v Barbados	0-1
20.2.83	Barbados v Antigua	2-1
27.3.83	Cuba v Barbados	2-0
10.4.83	Barbados v Cuba	0-0
29.5.83	Surinam v Cuba	1-0
12.6.83	Cuba v Surinam	3-0
5.8.83	Trinidad/Tobago v Neth Antilles	
28.8.83	Neth Antilles v Trinidad/Tobago	

ASIA
Group 1

12.8.83	Syria v Jordan
26.8.83	Jordan v Syria
8.9.83	Kuwait v Syria
8.9.83	Qatar v Jordan
15.9.83	Kuwait v Jordan
15.9.83	Qatar v Syria
29.9.83	Kuwait v Qatar
14.10.83	Syria v Kuwait
14.10.83	Jordan v Qatar
21.10.83	Jordan v Kuwait
21.10.83	Syria v Qatar
28.10.83	Qatar v Kuwait

Group 2

9.9.83	Iraq v United Arab Emirates
11.9.83	Lebanon v Bahrain
16.9.83	Iraq v Bahrain
18.9.83	Lebanon v United Arab Emirates
23.9.83	Iraq v Lebanon
23.9.83	Bahrain v United Arab Emirates
30.9.83	United Arab Emirates v Iraq
30.9.83	Bahrain v Lebanon
4.10.83	United Arab Emirates v Lebanon
7.10.83	Bahrain v Iraq
14.10.83	United Arab Emirates v Bahrain
16.10.83	Lebanon v Iraq

Group 3

(India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore)

Phase I — Away matches for Saudi Arabia:

1.10.83	India v Saudi Arabia
6.10.83	Indonesia v Saudi Arabia
10.10.83	Malaysia v Saudi Arabia
14.10.83	Singapore v. Saudi Arabia

Phase II — Centralised Tournaments in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, comprising of teams from India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore from 15 October to 2 November 1983.

Phase III — Home matches for Saudi Arabia:

6.11.83	Saudi Arabia v India
11.11.83	Saudi Arabia v Malaysia
17.11.83	Saudi Arabia v Singapore
23.11.83	Saudi Arabia v Indonesia

Group 4

(China PR, Honk Kong, Korea Rep, Thailand)

Tournament to be played from 1 to 12 November 1983 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Group 5

4.9.83	Japan v Philippines
11.9.83	Philippines v Japan
21.8.83	Chinese Taipei v Papua New Guinea
23.8.83	Papua New Guinea v Chinese Taipei
15.9.83	Winner Japan/Philippines v Winner Chinese Taipei/Papua N. Guinea
20.9.83	Return above match
25.9.83	New Zealand v Winner Japan/Philippines
2.10.83	New Zealand v Winner Taipei/Papua New Guinea
7.10.83	Winner Japan/Philippines v New Zealand
12.10.83	Winner Taipei/Papua New Guinea v New Zealand

The Winners and Runners-up of each Group will qualify for the Second Group Tournament

SOUTH AMERICA

First round: Argentina v Brazil, Chile v Colombia, Ecuador v Paraguay, Peru v Venezuela. (Two to qualify).

EUROPE

Group A (Turkey withdrew)

23.3.83	Bulgaria v Hungary	1-1
13.4.83	Hungary v Greece	3-1
18.5.83	Bulgaria v Soviet Union	2-2
26.5.83	Soviet Union v Greece	3-0
7.9.83	Greece v Hungary	
21.9.83	Greece v Hungary	
5.10.83	Greece v Soviet Union	
12.10.83	Soviet Union v Bulgaria	
28.3.84	Bulgaria v Greece	
11.4.84	Hungary v Bulgaria	
18.4.84	Hungary v Bulgaria	
25.4.84	Soviet Union v Hungary	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
Hungary	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Bulgaria	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Greece	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Group B

4.5.83	Denmark v E. Germany	1-2
4.5.83	Finland v Poland	0-4
18.5.83	Finland v E. Germany	0-1
19.5.83	Denmark v Norway	2-2
25.5.83	Poland v Finland	3-2
15.6.83	Finland v Norway	1-1
22.6.83	Denmark v Finland	3-0
29.6.83	Norway v Poland	0-1
17.8.83	Norway v Denmark	
24.8.83	Finland v Denmark	
7.9.83	E. Germany v Poland	
5.10.83	E. Germany v Finland	
5.10.83	Denmark v Poland	
26.10.83	Norway v Finland	
29.10.83	Norway v E. Germany	
9.11.83	Poland v E. Germany	
12.11.83	E. Germany v Norway	
4.4.84	Poland v E. Germany	
18.4.84	E. Germany v Denmark	
22.4.84	Poland v Denmark	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	3	3	0	0	8	2	6
E. Germany	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Denmark	3	1	1	1	6	4	3
Finland	5	0	1	4	3	12	1

Group C
Preliminaries

2.3.83	Liechtenstein v Holland	0-3
15.3.83	Holland v Liechtenstein	3-1
	(Holland 6-1 on agg)	
30.3.83	Yugoslavia v Romania	4-1
27.4.83	Romania v Holland	3-0
8.6.83	Italy v Yugoslavia	2-2
5.10.83	Holland v Romania	
26.10.83	Romania v Italy	
9.11.83	Yugoslavia v Italy	
17.12.83	Yugoslavia v Holland	
25.1.84	Italy v Holland	
28.3.84	Italy v Romania	
4.4.84	Holland v Yugoslavia	
18.4.84	Romania v Yugoslavia	
18.4.84	Holland v Italy	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	2	1	1	0	6	3	3
Romania	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Italy	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Holland	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Group D
Sub-group A

24.4.83	Portugal v W. Germany	3-1
8.6.83	W. Germany v Israel	2-0
4.10.83	W. Germany v Portugal	
30.10.83	Israel v Portugal	
20.11.83	Israel v W. Germany	
11.1.84	Portugal v Israel	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
W. Germany	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Israel	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Sub-group B

9.3.83	Belgium v Spain	0-0
23.3.83	Spain v France	0-1
23.4.83	France v Belgium	2-0
21.9.83	Spain v Belgium	
9.11.83	Belgium v France	
29.2.84	France v Spain	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
Spain	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Belgium	2	0	1	1	0	2	1

Sub-group winners to play off home/away in March and April, 1984.

LEAGUE TABLES (South and Central America)

ARGENTINA: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Independiente	7	4	3	0	14	9	11
Huracán	6	2	4	0	8	4	8
Argentinos Juniors	7	3	2	2	11	10	8
San Lorenzo	7	3	1	3	13	11	7
Estudiantes de La Plata	7	3	1	3	9	8	7
Newell's Old Boys	7	2	3	2	6	5	7
River Plate	6	3	1	2	9	9	7
Platense	7	2	3	2	9	9	7
Boca Juniors	6	2	3	1	8	8	7

Unión Santa Fe	7	3	1	3	8	8	7
Nueva Chicago	6	2	3	1	7	7	7
FC Oeste	7	2	3	2	5	7	7
Temperley	6	2	2	2	8	7	6
Velez Sarsfield	6	2	2	2	8	7	6
Racing Córdoba	6	1	3	2	10	10	5
Rosario Central	7	2	1	4	10	12	5
Instituto Córdoba	6	1	2	3	3	6	4
Talleres Córdoba	6	2	0	4	4	7	4
Racing (Avellaneda)	7	1	2	4	4	7	4

COLOMBIA: Professional Championship (2nd stage — National Cup)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
At Junior Barranquilla	10	6	3	1	23	9	15
Millionarios Bogotá	9	5	3	1	13	6	13
Nacional Medellin	10	5	2	3	12	10	12
Pereira	10	5	2	3	17	16	12
Independiente Medellin	9	3	5	1	10	8	11
Independient Santa Fe	10	4	2	4	15	16	10
Bucaramanga	9	4	2	3	14	20	10
Deportivo Cali	10	4	2	4	16	12	10
Union Magdalena	10	3	3	4	12	13	9
Tolima	10	4	0	6	13	15	8
Caldas	9	1	5	3	12	13	7
America de Cali	6	3	0	3	13	12	6
Quindio	10	1	3	6	5	13	5
Cucuta	10	0	4	6	10	22	4

VENEZUELA: Professional League (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univ de los Andes	18	9	7	2	25	13	25
Portuguesa	18	7	10	1	26	13	24
Dep Italia	18	8	8	2	26	15	24
Dep Lara	18	8	5	5	17	14	21
Atletico Zamora	18	6	8	4	28	20	20
San Cristobal	17	5	6	6	20	18	16
Deportivo Tachira	18	4	7	7	22	25	15
Estudiantes Merida	17	3	8	6	14	21	14
Petroleros de Zulia	18	4	5	9	12	28	13
Mineros de Guayana	18	1	4	13	16	37	6

PARAGUAY: First Division (2nd stage)
After 7 games — 1. Olimpia 12 pts; 2. Libertad 10; 3. Sportivo Luqueño 9; 4. Nacional and Cerro Porteño 8; 6. Guarani and Sol de America 6; 8. Colegiales 5; 9. River Plate 4; 10. Oriental 3.

URUGUAY: First Division
After 10 games — 1. Nacional 16 pts; 2. Defensor 14; 3. Bella Vista and Rampla Juniors 11; 5. Progreso 10; 6. Cerro & Wanderers 8; 8. Danubio, Huracan Buceo, Miramar Misiones and Peñarol 7; 12. Sudamerica and River Plate 6.

PERU: National Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting Cristal	14	7	6	1	32	17	20
Deportivo Municipal	14	8	4	2	22	13	20
Melgar FC	14	8	3	3	18	12	19
Universitario	13	5	7	1	13	6	17
Sport Boys	14	6	4	4	17	15	16
Bolognesi	14	5	5	4	18	17	15
Alianza Lima	14	5	5	4	20	11	15
Colegio Nac Iquitos	14	4	7	3	19	15	15
Univ Tecnica Catamarja	14	4	5	5	15	14	13
Huancayo	13	6	1	6	12	16	13
Alfonso Ugarte	13	5	4	4	20	20	14
Atletico Chalaco	14	4	4	6	11	15	12
Torino	13	4	3	6	12	19	11
Asoc Dep Tarma	14	3	4	7	14	22	10
Union Huaral	14	3	4	7	10	21	10
Juan Aurich	14	3	4	7	11	17	10
Leon de Huanuco	14	2	4	8	10	24	8

CHILE: Pre-season "Polla Gol" tournament semi-final round

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Universidad Catolica	6	5	0	1	17	5	10
Palestino	6	2	3	1	7	6	7
Colo Colo	6	2	2	2	8	5	6
Magallanes	6	0	1	5	5	21	1
Group B							
Cobreloa	6	3	3	0	15	4	9
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MALE (26) would like to correspond with pen pals from Malta. Hobbies include football, most sports, music, history. Write to P. Hazell, 34 Poebuck Road, Chessington, Surrey KT9 1JU, England.

NEW YORK COSMOS supporters resident in "The Big Apple" wanted for correspondence and exchange of souvenirs by 19-year-old British soccer and ice hockey fan. Please write to Kevin Haney, 16 Throstle Avenue, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 9QZ, England.

PEN PALS wanted world-wide by 20-year-old Tanzanian — hobbies include football, films, music, postcards, travelling and exchanging gifts. Write in English to Anthony Abraham, PO Box 1526, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa.

16-YEAR-OLD football fan seeks pen pals from South America, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Portugal. Interests are reading, travel, sports. Please write in English to Stephanie Lee, 58 East 56th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5X 1P8.

30-YEAR-OLD ardent fan of *World Soccer* and American football (grid football) would like to correspond with female fans of same, between 20 and 30 years old, from Europe and North America. Please write to Christopher Dwyer, 42 Cosgrove Street, Vermont, Victoria 3133, Australia.

LEAGUE TABLES

AUSTRIA — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid Vienna	30	20	8	3	72	18	48
FK Austria	30	22	4	4	76	27	48
SW Innsbruck	30	13	12	10	55	37	38
Sturm Graz	30	16	5	9	50	33	37
A. Salzburg	30	14	6	10	45	34	34
Grazer AK	30	12	9	9	40	36	32
Klagenfurt	30	13	6	11	52	49	32
VOEST Linz	30	12	8	10	44	42	32
SV Eisenstadt	30	8	13	9	43	34	29
Admira Wacker	30	9	9	12	42	47	27
Wiener SK	30	10	7	13	43	60	27
LASK Linz	30	9	7	14	42	49	25
SC Neusiedl	30	7	7	16	31	55	21
Union Wels	30	6	8	16	27	46	20
Vienna	30	7	5	18	24	56	19
SC Simmering	30	2	7	21	19	61	11

BULGARIA — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CSKA Sofia	30	18	9	3	53	20	45
Levski Spartak	30	18	6	6	50	21	42
Trakia Plovdiv	30	15	6	9	59	42	36
Lok. Sofia	30	12	8	10	38	39	32
Spartak Pleven	30	13	5	12	46	40	31
Etur	30	14	3	13	40	37	31
Botev	30	13	4	13	38	35	30
Silven	30	13	4	13	46	45	30
Varna	30	12	5	13	37	37	29
Tscherno More	30	10	9	11	23	27	29
Belasitsa	30	12	5	13	43	54	29
Slavia Sofia	30	11	6	13	35	37	28
Tschernomoretz	30	12	4	14	41	47	28
Haskovo	30	9	4	17	33	41	22
Pirin	30	7	5	18	27	54	19
Rozova Dolina	30	7	5	18	20	53	19

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bohemians Prag	30	18	6	6	69	31	42
Banik Ostrava	30	16	8	6	48	31	40
Sparta Prag	30	14	8	8	50	35	36
Inter Bratislava	30	11	11	8	35	24	33
Dukla Prag	30	11	10	9	44	35	32
Slavia Prag	30	12	8	10	56	53	32
TJ Vitkovice	30	13	5	12	40	39	31
Spartak Trnava	30	12	6	12	32	36	30
Røde Stjerne Cheb	30	9	11	10	44	38	29
Lokomotiva Kosice	30	11	7	12	41	45	29
ZVL Zilina	30	11	6	13	41	43	28
Tatran Presov	30	10	7	13	43	53	27
Slovan Bratislava	30	8	10	12	34	49	26
Plastika Nitra	30	10	6	14	41	60	26
Zbrojovka Brno	30	8	7	15	43	52	23
Sigma Olomouc	30	5	6	19	32	56	16

GREECE — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympiakos	34	20	10	4	50	22	50
Larissa	34	18	9	7	53	26	45
AEK	34	19	7	8	55	39	45
PAOK	34	18	6	10	51	30	42
Aris	34	14	11	9	36	26	39
Panathinaikos	34	14	9	11	50	44	37
OFI Creta	34	14	9	11	52	48	37
Iraklis	34	12	10	12	51	40	34
Yannina	34	10	13	11	33	31	33
Ethnikos	34	11	11	12	36	37	33
Apolion	34	11	9	14	38	35	31
Doxa	34	12	7	15	43	55	31
Makedonikos	34	12	6	16	31	50	30
Serres	34	9	11	14	26	37	29
Panionios	34	11	7	16	32	43	29
Panahiki	34	11	4	19	33	48	26
Rodos	34	7	7	20	24	57	21
Kastoria	34	7	6	21	30	56	20

LUXEMBOURG — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Jeunesse	22	16	2	4	69	29	34
Avenir Beggen	22	12	5	5	39	23	29
Aris	22	10	8	4	43	27	28
Progrès	22	10	8	4	43	31	28
Grevenmacher	22	8	7	7	31	34	23
Rümelingen	22	7	7	8	33	33	21
Red Boys	22	7	6	9	36	35	20
Stade	22	5	9	8	31	44	19
Union	22	8	2	12	43	37	18
Wiltz	22	6	5	11	31	42	17
Eischen	22	6	5	11	16	38	17
Alliance	22	2	6	14	15	57	10

POLAND — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lech Poznan	30	17	5	8	42	31	39
Widzew Lodz	30	13	12	5	49	30	38
Ruch Chorzow	30	11	13	6	34	22	35
Pogon	30	12	9	9	44	25	33
Wisla Krakow	30	13	6	11	44	36	32
Slask Wroclaw	30	12	6	12	35	34	30
LKS Lodz	30	10	10	10	36	38	30
Legia Warszawa	30	11	7	12	43	39	29
Szombierski Bytom	30	8	13	9	34	37	29
Baltyk Gdynia	30	9	11	10	28	31	29
Zaglebie	30	10	9	11	29	37	29
Gornik Zabre	30	10	8	12	30	38	28
GKS Katowice	30	10	7	13	28	34	27
Cracovia Krakow	30	5	15	10	17	33	25
Stal Mielec	30	7	10	13	27	36	24
Gwardia Warszawa	30	7	7	16	26	45	21

PORTUGAL — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	30	22	7	1	67	13	51
Porto	30	20	7	3	73	18	47
Sporting	30	17	7	6	46	24	41
Guimaraes	30	11	11	8	35	23	33
Rio Ave	30	13	4	13	41	42	30
Boavista	30	12	6	12	29	36	30
Portimão	30	11	7	12	34	28	29
Braga	30	13	3	14	40	43	29
Setúbal	30	12	5	13	29	34	29
Salgueiros	30	9	9	12	25	33	27
Estoril	30	9	8	13	26	39	26
Varzim	30	8	10	12	22	38	26
Espinho	30	9	7	14	23	36	25
Maritimo	30	8	9	13	25	37	25
Amora	30	5	7	18	19	54	17
Alcobaça	30	4	7	19	20	56	15

RUMANIA — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dinamo Bucarest	34	17	15	2	62	25	49
Univ Craiova	34	20	6	8	66	29	46
Sportul	34	18	8	8	48	29	44
Arges Pitesti	34	17	6	11	50	37	40
Steaua	34	4	10	10	47	41	38
Corvinul	34	13	8	13	46	38	34
OLT	34	14	5	15	47	36	33
A.S.A. TG. Mures	34	13	7	14	41	42	33
Jiul	34	12	9	13	35	43	33
Pol. Iasi	34	11	10	13	37	40	32
Bihor	34	12	8	14	57	62	32
Petrolul	34	14	4	16	38	55	32
Bacau	34	12	7	15	43	47	31
Targoviste	34	10	11	13	36	44	31
Chimia Valcea	34	12	7	15	33	43	31
Brasov	34	11	7	16	41	51	29
Pol. Timisoara	34	9	6	19	35	64	24
Constanta	34	7	6	21	30	65	20

TURKEY — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahçe	34	18	13	3	43	20	49
Trabzonspor	34	17	13	4	40	19	47
Galatasaray	34	17	10	7	50	33	44
Boluspor	34	16	9	9	39	23	41
Besiktas	34	16	7	11	49	30	39
Ankaragücü	34	8	18	8	38	37	34
Adana DS	34	13	7	14	39	36	33
Bursaspor	34	11	11	12	36	34	33
Kecaellisper	34	10	13	11	34	37	33
Adanaspor	34	11	10	13	32	35	32
Sakaryaspor	34	32	13	6	37	43	32
Sarlyer	34	8	15	11	35	43	31
Zogildak	34	9	12	13	31	35	30
Antalyaspor	34	9	11	14	27	40	29
Mersin IY	34	10	9	15	19	32	29
Samsunspor	34	18	8	16	37	49	28
Gaziantepapor	34	9	9	16	23	35	27
Altau	34	7	7	20	27	55	21

SCOTLAND — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd	36	24	8	4	90	35	56
Celtic	36	25	5	6	90	36	55
Aberdeen	36	25	5	6	76	24	55
Rangers	36	13	12	11	51	39	38
St. Mirren	36	10	12	14	46	52	32
Dundee	36	11	10	15	42	49	32
Hibernian	36	7	14	15	34	53	28
Motherwell	36	11	5	20	39	72	27
Morton	36	6	8	22	30	74	20
Kilmarnock	36	3	11	22	26	91	17

YUGOSLAVIA — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partizan	34	17	11	6	58	37	45
Din. Zagreb	34	14	15	5	56	40	43
Hajduki	34	14	15	5	51	33	43
Radnicki	34	15	10	9	45	39	40
Red Star	34	13	11	10	55	50	37
Vardar	34	13	9	12	43	47	35
Sloboda	34	12	11	11	44	33	35
Olimpija	34	11	13	10	33	31	35
Vojvodine	34	12	10	12	38	60	34
Zeljeznicar	34	11	11	12	41	40	33
Sarajevo	34	10	12	12	45	44	32
Velez	34	11	9	14	54	57	31
Buducnost	34	11	9	14	39	52	31
Din. Vinkovci	34	12	11	15	56	59	31
Rijeka	34	11	8	15	51	52	30
Osijek	34	11	7	16	48	51	29
Belgrade	34	9	10	15	38	45	28
Galenika	34	4	12	18	31	56	20

ISRAEL — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maccabi Natanya	30	18	7	5	54	31	61
Shimshon Tel Aviv	30	12	11	7	35	27	47
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	30	11	13	6	33	23	46
Hapoel Tel Aviv	30	13	7	10	33	26	46
Maccabi Tel Aviv	30	10	11	9	27	23	41
Maccabi Haifa	30	8	14	8	31	31	38
Hapoel Lod	30	7	15	8	33	28	36
Beitar Jerusalem	30	7	15	8	34	33	36
Maccabi Petah Tikva	30	8	12	10	25	30	36
Maccabi Yavne	30	7	15	8	26	32	36
Hapoel Yahud	30	8	12	10	17	25	36
Bnei Yehuda Tel Aviv	30	7	15	8	26	35	36
Maccabi Jaffa	30	6	15	9	22	24	33
Hapoel Ramat Gan	30	6	15	9	15	21	33
Hapoel Jerusalem	30	8	7	15	29	44	31
Hapoel Kfar Saba	30	6	12	12	33	40	30

Top scorer: Oded Mahness (Natanya) 21.

ALBANIA — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vllaznia	26	12	10	4	39	19	34
Partizani	26	13	8	5	32	17	34
17 Nentori	26	12	8	6	38	26	32
Flamurtari	26	11	8	7	28	23	30
Luftëtari	26	11	7	8	25	21	29
Lokomotiva	26	10	8	8	27	24	28
Skënderbeu	26	8	9	9	24	21	25
Dinamo Tirana	26	8	9	9	29	30	25
Labinoti	26	7	10	9	19	28	24
Tomori	26	6	10	10	15	24	22
Besa	26	6	9	11	28	35	21
Traktori	26	6	9	11	23	38	21
Naftëtari	26	6	8	12	23	38	20
Besëlidhja	26	5	9	12	16	22	19

Top scorer: Bajaziti (Besa) 16.

MOROCCO — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fee	30	16	9	5	28	15	71
Berkane	30	14	10	6	23	16	68
WAC	30	9	18	3	31	19	68
Meknes	30	10	15	5	38	27	65
Raja Casablanca	30	12	9	9	26	19	63
KAC	30	8	16	6	21	16	62
Far	30	10	11	9	23	24	61
Fus	30	8	11	11	23	24	59
Settat	30	8	12	10	23	23	58
Shabab	30	6	16	8	18	21	58
El Jedida	30	7	13	10	27	29	57
Oujda	30	6	15	9	21	29	57
IRFBS	30	8	11	11	19	24	56
RSK	30	8	8	14	29	31	54
Roja Agadir	30	7	10	13	19	34	54
Touargs	30	5	11	14	15	31	51

Top scorer: Fettah (MAS) 10.

EAST GERMANY — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo Berlin	26	20	6	0	73	22	46
Vorwärts F/O	26	13	8	5	57	29	34
CZ Jena	26	15	4	7	46	29	34
Lok. Leipzig	26	12	7	7	45	27	31
Erfurt	26	11	9	6	45	37	31
Magdeburg	26	10	9	7	52	31	29
Dynamo Dresden	26	12	5	8	50	39	29
Karl Marx	26	10	6	10	41	40	26
Rostock	26	10	6	10	34	39	26
Wismut Aue	26	6	8	12	30	45	20
Halle	26	4	9	13	41	53	17
Union Berlin	26	5	7	14	23	50	17
Böhlen	26	4	5	17	31	80	13
Zwickau	26	2	5	19	21	64	9

Top scorer: Streich (Magdeburg) 19.

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Juventus and Italy

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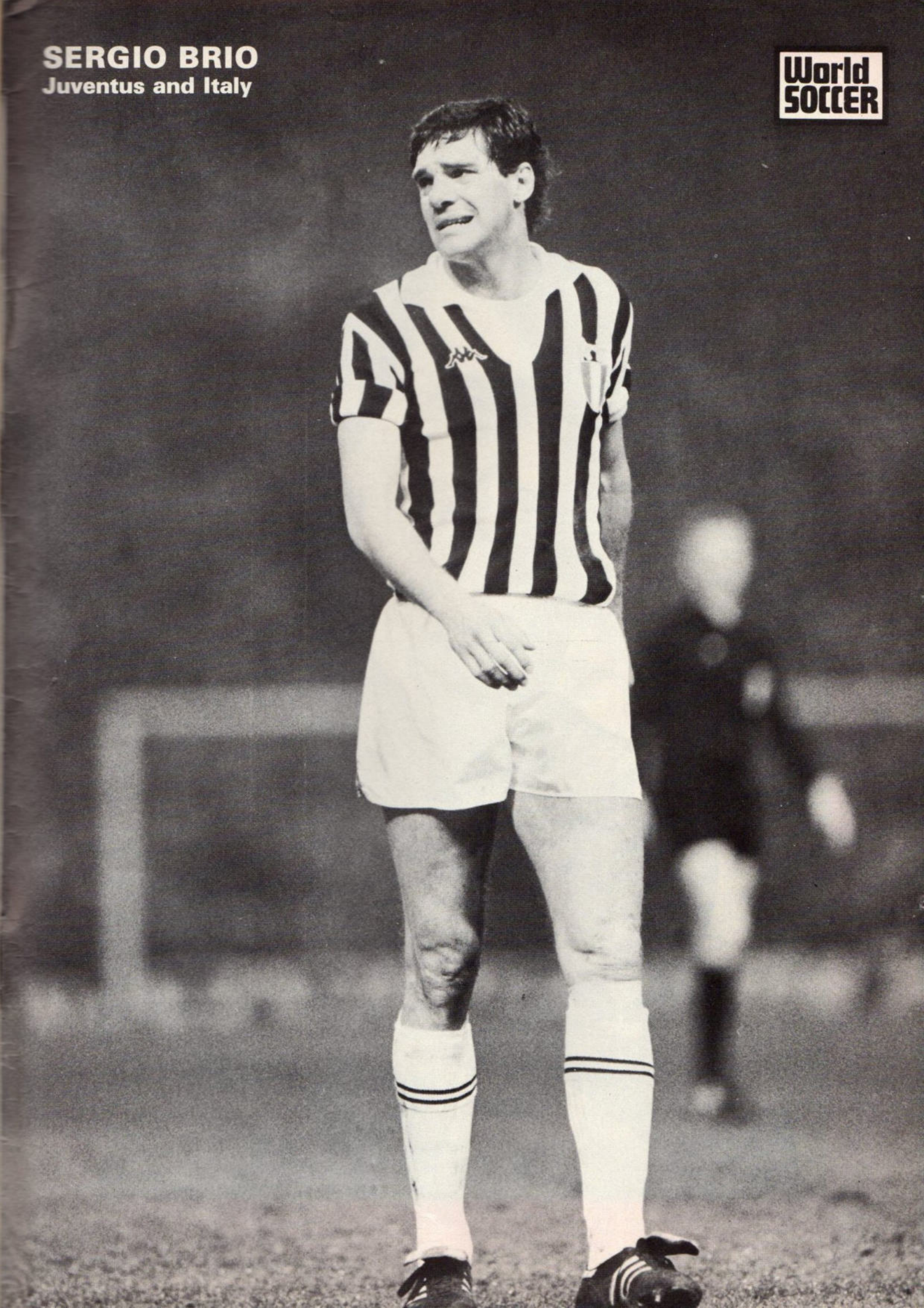

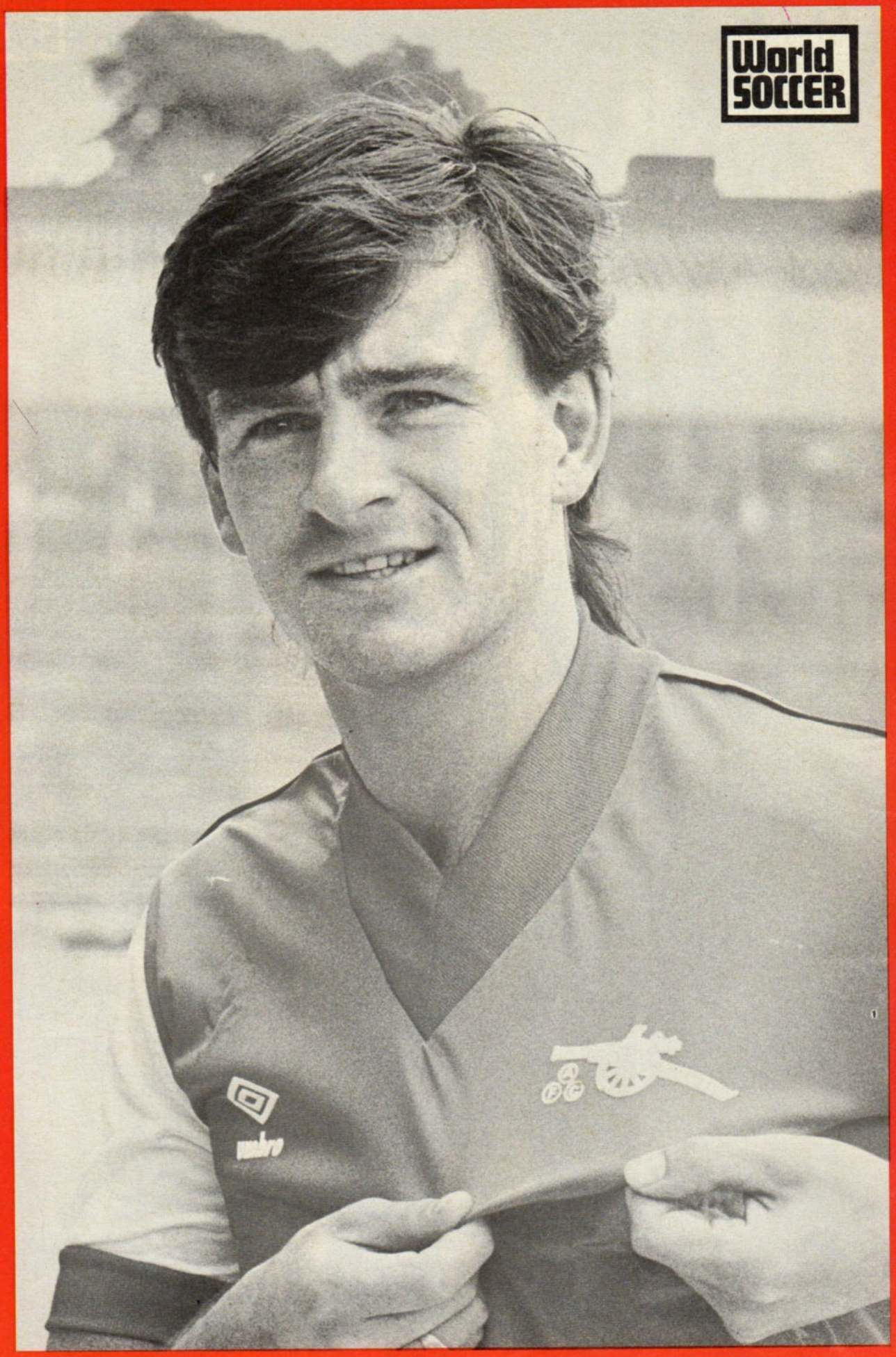

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